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Dear colleague

Commission for Health and Social Care Integration in the North East: invitation to attend a Listening Event on Tuesday 3 May 2016 1.30-3.30pm

I am writing to invite you or a representative from your organisation to attend a listening event which will inform the work of the Commission for Health and Social Care Integration in the North East.

This will take place on Tuesday 3 May at Living Waters, St Jude's Terrace, South Shields, NE33 5PB

The establishment of the commission was part of the proposed devolution agreement between the North East Combined Authority (neca) and the Government to give the region the powers it needs to drive economic growth and bring jobs and investment to the North East. The commission was set up jointly by neca and the NHS to look into how councils, the NHS and other public, private and community and voluntary sector bodies could further develop the work they do together to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population.

Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive of Public Health England, is chair of the commission and he has been joined by four experts in the fields of health, social care and finance: Tom Wright, Chief Executive of Age UK; Professor Dame Carol Black, the Department of Health's expert advisor on improving the welfare of working people; Rob Whiteman, Chief Executive of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy; and Dr Amit Bhargava, Clinical Chief Officer for NHS Crawley Clinical Commissioning Group and executive board member of the NHS Alliance.

Local events are now being arranged to enable the commission members to hear from a cross section of key partners within each local authority area about the pertinent issues in relation to the following themes which the commission have identified:

- Supporting people to stay well and independent
- Focusing more on health, work and wellbeing
- Exploring opportunities to improve health and wellbeing through devolution

Commission member Tom Wright will be present at the South Tyneside event along with representatives from the local authorities and the NHS.

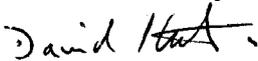
It is anticipated that these events will be interactive and all invitees will be expected to fully participate and engage with the commission member, therefore in advance of the event I will arrange for additional information to be sent to you providing you with details of the work of the commission, your anticipated involvement and how we will provide you with feedback.

Please can you provide confirmation of your attendance at this event by Monday 18 April to Jenna Easton at jenna.easton@nhs.net or telephone 0191 2831903.

I hope that you or a representative from your organisation will be able to attend and help inform this important work.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Hambleton".

Dr David Hambleton
Chief Executive South Tyneside CCG