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Dear Patrick

**Great Yarmouth and Waveney PCT – CCP Conduct Investigation**

I am writing to confirm the outcome of my discussions with colleagues in NHS East of England regarding the need for Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) in the region to suspend procurements for community services following publication of new guidance in February.

We have agreed with NHS East of England that all PCTs, including Great Yarmouth and Waveney, must cease any ongoing procurements for community services, in light of the new guidance. The implication of this guidance is that PCT Boards are required to review their plans for future provision of community services and secure DH 'approval in principle' on direction of travel for their preferred option, against published criteria, by 31 March.

I trust this information is of use.

Yours sincerely



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