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Dear Professor Field

A response to the Government's Listening Exercise for the Health and Social Care Bill

We, the GPs leading the transition to GP Commissioning in South Central (patient population 4.2 million) write to you in your role as Chair of the NHS Future Forum. We would be grateful if the views presented in this letter could be reflected in the report that the Future Forum is shortly to submit to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Health and the Coalition Government.

- We are committed to and enthusiastic about the opportunities that the Health and Social Care Bill proposes for GP Commissioning to provide improved quality of care to our populations.
- We firmly believe that as GPs we are well placed to represent the best interests of the populations we serve and that we have an excellent overview of the use of cash limited NHS resource. GPs are the generalists within the NHS who value the specialisms of our colleagues in the acute sector. It is our opinion that by collaborating with clinicians from both primary and secondary care we can improve both the quality and value for money of patient care. Our indicator of success will be to create a sustainable NHS - free at the point of contact.
- We welcome the direction outlined in the Health and Social Care Bill to work in partnership with our Local Authorities, Public Health and the public. We support the statement "No decision about me, without me".

The signatories to this letter are all practising GPs taking lead roles across South Central to develop GP Commissioning Consortia in line with the White Paper "Liberating the NHS" and the Health and Social Care Bill currently before Government. Where given, signatories have a mandate from the GP practices of their localities to lead the transition towards establishing GP Consortia.

Yours sincerely



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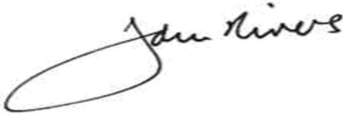
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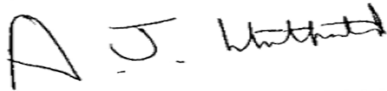
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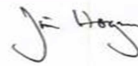


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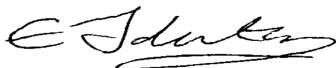
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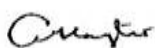


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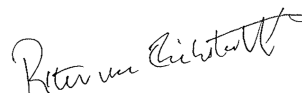


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