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Dear Heads of Primary Care

Proactive Care Programme

Thank you to those of you who have already provided feedback to my team about take-up of the Proactive Care Programme in your locality.

Practices had until 30 June 2014 to indicate their intention to participate in the Proactive Care Programme. I would be grateful if you could now confirm the intention of practices to participate by completing the attached proforma. Given the national significance of this programme it is also important that we understand, where practices have not signed up, the number and size of the practices that are not participating.

ACTION: Please complete the pro-forma to indicate which practices in your area team are **NOT** participating in the Proactive Care Programme.

For the avoidance of any doubt, I wanted to re-iterate that all elements of the Proactive Care Programme must have taken place in order to trigger payment to practices for this enhanced service. It is really important that you use the national specification to validate payment.

As I am sure you will appreciate, at a national level, a significant amount of funding is associated with this scheme and all elements were carefully agreed with the Government and negotiated with the GPC. As such, the uptake and performance against this service will be undoubtedly be scrutinised. So it is especially important that all area teams are applying the same rules for funding.

A number of you have suggested that the CCGs in your area are already doing something very similar - or they have asked whether the scheme can be supplemented with local CCG funding to cover a greater cohort of patients. Of course we welcome this approach. However, the scheme for which the national funding is available must remain intact and cannot be compromised nor can

elements of it be 'traded' for the suggestion that more patients might benefit if this were to be allowed.

I hope you appreciate the importance of this particular aspect and why consistency is so important.

Finally, the guidance on the Proactive Care Programme that was issued to practices earlier in the year indicated that each CCG would be asked to identify a lead for the programme. This lead will be invited to participate in a network and there are likely to be benefits of communication, support, collaboration and sharing best practice.

ACTION: Please indicate on the pro-forma the names of each CCG lead for the Proactive Care Programme.

I would be most grateful if this information could be returned to Claire Parker (claire.parker10@nhs.net) by no later than Friday 1 August.

Thank you very much indeed in anticipation of your help and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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