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Dear Neil

### **Primary Care Co-commissioning: Approval for Joint Arrangements**

Further to your application to take forward new arrangements for primary care co-commissioning I am delighted to inform you that NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG has been approved to take on joint arrangements with NHS England.

Please note that terms of reference and CCG constitution amendments must be signed off by governing bodies and NHS England Regions by 31 March 2015. Failure to complete these steps would mean this approval will become invalid.

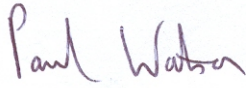
The joint commissioning model is an important vehicle to ensure joined up planning and decision making between CCGs and NHS England through a joint committee arrangements. This should provide an opportunity to more effectively plan and improve the provision of out-of-hospital services for the benefit of patients in your local population.

We will be in touch shortly so that discussions can take place to finalise the arrangements for the joint committee and the functions the committee will be responsible for. If the option to pool funding for investment in primary care services is being taken, this should be agreed and managed through the Joint Committee.

It is important to ensure appropriate arrangements are made locally to manage potential conflicts of interest under these joint arrangements. As part of these arrangements, the role of the lay members on the joint committee is critically important. To ensure appropriate oversight and assurance of the joint committee the CCG Audit Committee Chair should not hold the chair of the joint committee. They can, however, take the other lay member role on the committee.

We look forward to working with you.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Paul Watson".

**Dr. Paul Watson**  
**Regional Director – Midlands and East**

cc: Andrew Pike, DCO – East