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Dear Angela

Primary Care Infrastructure Funding 2016/17

Thank you for your letter dated 11th April 2016 and apologies for the delay in responding to you.

The Estates and Technology Transformation Fund (formerly known as the Primary Care Infrastructure Fund) is a multi-year investment programme to support general practice make improvements in estates and technology. Although originally expected to take place in April 2016, the CCG is awaiting NHS England guidance on how applications should be submitted, this is now expected in early-June 2016. Please follow this link for more information on the fund <https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/primary-care-comm/infrastructure-fund/>

In preparation for submitting bids, the CCG has however been proactive in encouraging practices to submit either plans for improving existing premises or submitting proposals for new builds. We have recently concluded the review of all applications for funding from the Estates and Technology Transformation Fund for the current period and will be submitting endorsed proposals to NHS England as soon as the submission process is known.

The CCG is aware that all practices in High Wycombe are under pressure to meet ever-increasing demands for their services, which is a reflection of the national picture at the moment. In recognition of this, the CCG has endorsed an application to the Estates and Technology Transformation Fund to carry out a detailed assessment of the need for additional primary care services in the High Wycombe area that will take into account:

- the future needs of the population;
- changes in wider healthcare provision; and
- proposed new housing developments in the High Wycombe area;

This will help us develop an estates and investment plan that will ensure appropriate establishment of fit for purpose, future-proofed buildings from which to deliver services. This appraisal will also provide us with the rationale to approach developers as part of the planning application process for a contribution towards healthcare costs under S106/Community Infrastructure Levy frameworks.

With regard to Lynton House Surgery, the CCG is aware of the difficulties of running general practice from this particular building in East Wycombe. I am sure you are aware that NHS England commissions GP services and are the body responsible for making decisions around the closure of such services. The CCG's role is to develop strategies that ensure there is sufficient provision of health care services to meet the needs of the location population. The CCG is currently working with NHS England and Better Health Bucks to understand alternative options for the provision of services. Any support that the council can provide would be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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