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Dear Tim,

**Referral to the Secretary of State under Regulation 23(9) of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 of changes to healthcare services in Dorset proposed by Dorset CCG**

Thank you for your update letter of 16 April 2020, relating to the review of changes to healthcare services in Dorset proposed by Dorset CCG conducted by the Independent Reconfiguration Panel. I would like to apologise for the delayed response, this is due to the work on Covid-19.

It's reassuring to hear that NHS and local government colleagues are working collaboratively in Dorset to improve healthcare services, deliver the best care for residents and to ensure the safe implementation of the Independent Reconfiguration Panel advice.

It is also encouraging to hear that in the Clinical Services Review implementation phase all those potentially impacted by the proposed changes are appropriately informed and involved, from an early stage, adhering to the Gunning Principles and national participation guidance.

I would encourage Dorset CCG to continue to engage and work collaboratively with all interested parties to make progress on the actions that have been agreed in response to the IRP's advice.

*Jan...  
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