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Dear Mr Pitt and Councillor Wildey,

**Re: Proposed reconfiguration of GP surgeries in Gillingham**

Thank you for your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> August which was presented to and discussed at Medway CCG's Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC) on 29<sup>th</sup> August, the outcome of which was communicated to yourselves on the 30<sup>th</sup> August.

We are planning a further period of engagement with patients and stakeholders, this plan will be developed jointly with Medway Council over the coming weeks and agreed at our September meeting. In line with the requirements of the Substantial Variation, we will formally consult with the HASC.

As discussed at the HASC, there is a need to ensure tight protocols for communication of developments are in place and that they are followed to prevent further occurrence of the concerns that you have articulated.

We have delayed the decision on the number of sites to allow for a further period of engagement which we hope meet your requirements. We are continuing with the reprocurement of the four contracts to ensure there is no gap in provision from April next year. The number of sites may be flexed after the commencement of the contract based on the outcome of the final decision by the PCCC on the number of site. We will ensure the HASC is appraised of the results of our engagement and any further decision making process.

Yours sincerely

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