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Dear Althea

Thank you for your letter of 11<sup>th</sup> June outlining your concerns about consultant workload in Gosport.

I have today met with Lesley Humphreys, General Manager at Elderly Medicine, and as you know you and I are meeting Neil Stubbs, Operational Director on 20<sup>th</sup> June. I have also had discussions with Ian Reid and I believe that the department are now fully aware of your concerns.

Fareham and Gosport PCT have offered financial support in terms of locum cover. However, as you know, there is a quality issue with this. Lesley is, however, pursuing the issue.

I also agreed with Lesley today that we would pull together a meeting in the near future with Lesley, Neil, David, Ian, yourself and the PCT in relation to taking forward the idea of a Community Geriatrician post.

Please do keep me informed and I, in turn, will keep you up to date with progress with the above.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Cameron Operational Director Quality and Community Services