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Dr Richard Roope - Fareham PCG
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Dear Richard/Paul

Adult Mental Health Services

Further to our recent conversations I am enclosing for your information a number of documents which I hope you will find useful in understanding the local and national context for commissioning adult mental health services.

The largest document is the national service framework, but you may be relieved also to have included a two page summary from the NHS Alliance. The latter really does act as a good sign-posting system for the former. Jonathan Hildebrand also produced a summary (about 12 pages) if you feel that would help I will get a copy.

The final document, and the one that prompted me to write, is a schedule produced by the locality implementation team for adult mental health services. You may recall that I attend this on behalf of the PCG. I will shield you from attending the many meetings of this group. But I do need to get from you (and other primary care colleagues) what are our priorities. This document sets out a very long list from the whole group. Would it be possible for you to annotate your copy with ideas, suggestions, comments, priorities? If you send to me I will copy and return to you, producing a summary of our three views. The Group meets again on 11 April and while it would be helpful to have comments by then I do appreciate the other calls on your time and will, if necessary, ask that PCG views be looked at the following meeting (probably May).

Please call me if you have any points to raise. You can contact me via email on

Best wishes

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Yours sincerely,

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