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Chairperson Gosport PCG

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Dear Jane

Unfortunately circumstances dictate that I must resign my role as co-opted Prescribing lead with Gosport PCG at the end of this year.

Although I have enjoyed participating in the many meetings, including the D&TC and Pan PCG prescribing lead and advisors meetings, I am afraid that to do justice to the role is incompatible with full time General practice. Patient care has suffered on too many occasions when I have rushed over to Portsmouth and neither I (nor my partners) are prepared to tolerate this.

Common to every Practice at the moment there is a considerable in-house agenda and that must be my priority at present. Our Practice is expanding and will continue to do so at a pace and we have a number of crises to address at present. As GP lead within the Practice I have found insufficient time to liaise with our Practice Manager, which is of great concern to me, and I need to devote more time to Practice business, both administrative and clinical.

I think I was somewhat naïve in assuming that it would be possible to act as prescribing lead without being on the PCG board. There has been insufficient time to discuss prescribing issues satisfactorily at the steering group meetings with packed agendas and I have felt somewhat uneasy at having others represent prescribing issues on my behalf at the board meetings.

The 2 larger PCG's, Havant and Portsmouth have a much larger infrastructure with support from Prescribing sub-committees and considerably more back-up and it is impossible to compete with their input nor contribute to the same extent which is frustrating.

By resigning at the end of the year there is sufficient time for my successor to begin liaising with Katie Hovenden and Hazel Bagshaw over the incentive schemes for the next financial year

Yours sincerely

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