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Dear Cllr Rufus

Briefing for HWOSC – Diabetes Care

I am writing to let you know that the Brighton and Hove Clinical Commissioning Group has highlighted care for people with diabetes as a key strategic priority in its 2013-2014 Annual Operating Plan. We have identified that there is scope to develop more holistic care for diabetic patients that improves both outcomes and also make better use of resources.

With the prevalence of diabetes in Brighton and Hove expected to increase by 37% by 2030, the CCG is planning now to ensure that a comprehensive range of services and support are developed for people with diabetes; in line the latest evidence base and national best practice.

The Brighton and Hove Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Diabetes (2012) highlights that one in two people with diabetes in the City are undiagnosed so there is scope to raise awareness of the disease and ensure more people get a diagnosis. Obtaining a diagnosis offers individuals the opportunity to be offered support, education and care at the earliest opportunity.

There is also scope to increase the range of services that are offered for diabetic patients for example through a one stop shop model of service that could improve outcomes and as well as patient experience.

The CCG is currently undertaking an initial phase of planning & scoping work. We have had discussions with our GP practices at the Local Member Group meeting in July 2013,

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and they highlighted the need for an integrated system with services better coordinated around patients.

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We intend to have further discussions in September and subject to formal approval at the September Local Member Group meeting, Brighton and Hove CCG will be undertaking a consultation process in the Autumn 2013 seeking views on improvements to diabetic care.

We are writing to give you early notification of our plans and will write to you again prior to any formal consultation beginning. If you would like any further information at this stage then please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely



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