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Dear Colleagues

**North Essex Mental Health Joint Commissioning Strategy (DRAFT)**

We are pleased to enclose a copy of the draft North Essex Mental Health Joint Commissioning Strategy.

This document has been produced following the production of the North Essex Mental Health Commissioning Statement of Ambition in late June 2013 and subsequent consultation which has continued over the last three months.

This draft strategy sets out to describe the vision for the commissioning and delivery of mental health services for North Essex over the next three years. It recognises the importance of joint commissioning with social care, developing community well-being, delivering services closer to home in primary and community settings and finally the need to integrate physical and mental health services more effectively.


This draft Strategy has been developed in partnership across the three North Essex CCGs and Essex County Council. The principles of which are now being adopted locally by the individual CCGs with implementation underway specifically with regards the development of more community based provision for patients with mild to moderate mental health illness.

The three CCGs in North Essex and Essex County Council are keen to continue to seek the views and opinions of local stakeholders at this stage of strategy development and would welcome your thoughts or comments relating to the contents of this draft document.

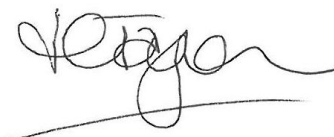
Alternatively, if you would like the mental health team to discuss this with you or your organisation please let us know. Your feedback should be received by Friday January 31<sup>st</sup> 2014 and sent directly to Joanne Reay at the above address or by email to [Joanne.Reay@nhs.net](mailto:Joanne.Reay@nhs.net).

The expectation is that the completed Draft Strategy will be presented to CCG Trust Boards and Essex County Council for approval and adoption early 2014.

Yours faithfully



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