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Dear Mr Hardy

**Coventry City Council response to STP Submission – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016**

I am writing to provide a formal response to be included within the Coventry and Warwickshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan October submission.

The City Council recognises and endorses the aim of health and social care working together to improve services to local people. We acknowledge and support the work going in to the development of the STP to ensure that the voice of the local authority and the implications for social care alongside the health economy are understood and taken into account as part of this development.

However, although supportive of the principle for closer working, the council has significant concerns at this stage about the level of transparency and involvement of the public and local authority members in the detail of the plans. We recognise that this issue is to be addressed through the next phase of engagement and can confirm that we do need to see the detail behind the plan before deciding whether or not to sign the plan off in the future.

Coventry City Council is committed to retaining involvement in the STP process and would seek to ensure that the Health and Well Being Board, Cabinet and Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel have close oversight as this work develops.

Yours sincerely

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