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‘Over half a million pounds of Derbyshire NHS monies spent on Management Consultants’

Derby and Derbyshire Local Medical Committee (DDLMC) is horrified by the publication of the vast sums of NHS money spent on Management Consultants by our local CCGs.

[Pulse Magazine](#), recently revealed that in excess of £21 million has been spent across England in development of ‘Sustainability and Transformation Plans’ (STPs). These plans, which split the country into 44 ‘footprints’, are expressly actioned with helping NHS England (NHSE) make £22 billion pounds worth of ‘efficiency savings’ by 2020/21.

Meanwhile a [British Medical Association News investigation](#) has revealed that over 150 jobs have been created within STPs with annual salaries of at least £8.5 million.

Most concerning for DDLMC is the realisation that Derbyshire came 6th in the league table of highest spending STPs, having forked out £579,700 in management consultancy costs.

We are dismayed that the STP, which was [designed to increase community-based care](#), is not being shaped by frontline clinicians who understand those communities, but by a team of management consultants from an international firm. This is further evidence of the lack of joined-up-thinking by NHSE.

DDLMC have repeatedly called for increased investment in general practice to improve our local health care system and yet we have failed to see any action. Lack of investment will leave patient safety compromised and even more practices at risk of closure. We believe it is impossible to justify the haemorrhaging of NHSE monies on corporation wages instead of patient care.

Speaking in the Pulse Magazine article, DDLMC treasurer, Dr Peter Holden, said that **the payment was equivalent to £1000 for every GP in the region**; ‘and all they can do is close the nine community hospitals to save £32 million’.

We demand urgent justification by the Derbyshire STP of the sums spent on the single consultancy firm involved and assurances that taxpayers’ money is spent on frontline patient care.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Derby and Derbyshire LMC is the only body that has a statutory duty to represent GPs at a local level. This statutory duty was first enshrined in law in 1911 and has been included in the various NHS Acts over the recent past and is included in the Health and Social Care Act.

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