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SENT TO ALL DERBYSHIRE PRACTICE MANAGERS – ONLY APPLICABLE TO THOSE PRACTICES THAT ARE SIGNED UP TO THE CURRENT CARE HOME SERVICE SPECIFICATION

Dear Colleague,

Care Homes Service

Further to previous correspondence regarding the above service, I am writing to formally notify you of a variation to your existing care homes specification by way of an addendum to your existing enhanced services contract.

The variation is as follows:

- By 1st November 2019 at the latest practices are expected to work together with other practices in their Primary Care Network to develop and implement a PCN approach to delivering this service at scale for their patient population for care homes within the PCN boundary as set out in the two documents: Care Homes Update and Care Homes Ask and Offer

In summary the following are the key points included within the document:

- PCNs will be supported to develop and implement plans that will allow for a smooth transition into the service required under the national Network Service Specification (Enhanced Health in Care Homes) from 1st April 2020, with further detail provided on this as soon as it is available
- Plans to follow best practice as detailed in the Enhanced Health Care Homes Framework namely:
 - Practices to focus on pro-active care planning in line with a Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment (CGA) style approach).
 - PCNs to have a lead practice or lead clinician for each care home.
 - Support MDT working and ensure regular visits to care homes.
 - Focus on supporting care homes with their educational needs wherever possible and in implementing local pathways as a way of avoiding urgent care episodes.
- PCNs, and their constituent practices, are asked to report on the progress of this work and to monitor activity linked to the care homes within their geography and take action to improve quality and reduce unwarranted activity wherever possible.

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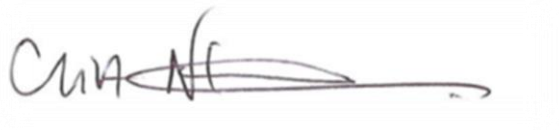
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Please could you sign and return the attached agreement as confirmation of receipt and acceptance of the contract variation notification by 16 August 2019.

Aside from this variation the current service specifications will remain unchanged until 31/03/2020 when the new National Service Specification will be introduced by NHS England. In preparation for this NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG is required to give a minimum of six months' notice to decommission existing service specification so therefore please accept this letter as the formal notification that the CCG care homes enhanced service will cease as at 31/03/2020.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me (clive.newman3@nhs.net).

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Clive Newman', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Clive Newman
Director of GP Development

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