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Dear Mr Nixon,

Impact of housing developments on local NHS services

Thank you for your letter to Dr Barbara Rushton dated 17 January, 2015 which we received on 19 January 2015 and to which I am responding on her behalf.

I thought it might be helpful if I clarify how local healthcare is funded. NHS England receives an annual budget for NHS services from the Department of Health. A proportion of this budget is given to each individual Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). This amount is based on an assessment of the health needs of the CCG's local population. CCGs then commission the NHS services its local population needs.

In addition NHS England commissions a number of services directly including core GP services. Each GP practice holds a contract with NHS England. The amount of funding received by each practice depends on the number of registered patients it has, the health needs of its patients and any additional services it provides.

We know that there are a number of housing developments planned or underway in our area and have been involved in discussions with the relevant local authority about the potential impact these may have on local services. Housing developments often house new households rather than new people with typically 40% already living in the local area. However we will continue to work closely with the local authorities as these plans develop and will regularly review the impact of any new developments on health services. Any impact would then be taken into consideration when we commission services to ensure these are able to meet the needs of local people. These discussions include ones with Fareham Borough Council regarding the Welborne development and these will continue as the plans progress.

I hope this helps with your queries.

Yours sincerely



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