

06 August 2014

Durham, Darlington & Tees Area Team
The Old Exchange
Barnard Street
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**Important information regarding
GP Practices in your area**

Dear Stakeholder,

Review of Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) in Middlesbrough

I am writing to you in relation to NHS GP services in Middlesbrough. Part of our role as NHS England's Durham, Darlington & Tees Area Team is to oversee the provision of local GP practice services. We are currently reviewing some GP practices in your local area to evaluate quality, demand, value for money and need.

Enclosed is a stakeholder document which provides information on the reasons for the review as well as detail on proposals for the future of APMS across the area. Similar reviews are being undertaken in Redcar & Cleveland, Durham, Hartlepool and Stockton.

Your views are important to us

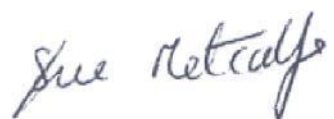
We have begun a period of consultation, 06 August – 29 September 2014, and want to hear wider views of our stakeholders on these proposals to help us finalise our plans and to help us move to implementation. Once you have read the document you will see that there are some questions at the end that will enable you to tell us what you think. You can complete and return the questions to the Central Engagement Team in the following ways:

- On-line: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MiddlesbroughAPMSConsultation>
Email: NYHCSU.centralengagementteam-@nhs.net
Post: FREEPOST RTJR-UYYB-BCUC
North Yorkshire & Humber Commissioning Support Unit
Health House, Grange Park Lane, Willerby, HULL, HU10 6DT
Phone: 0800 915 5397 (Freephone)

The closing date for feedback is **29 September 2014**.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this information. I hope you will take a few minutes to complete our survey. Your feedback is very valuable to this service review and will assist us to make the best possible decision for patients. I have enclosed a list of stakeholders with whom we are consulting. If however you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Stephens, Primary Care Contracts Manager at wendy.stephens@nhs.net. I will write again to update you on the outcome of the review as soon as a decision has been made.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Metcalfe". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Sue Metcalfe
Director of Commissioning
Durham, Darlington & Tees Area Team NHS England