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Dear Councillor Dryden,

Middlesbrough Council's Health Scrutiny Panel: Review of Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Thank you for your attendance at our recent Board meeting during which we discussed Middlesbrough Council's Health Scrutiny Panel Review of Emotional Well-Being and Mental Health (December 2008).

The Board was advised of the panel's views of emotional well being and mental health services in Middlesbrough and the role and responsibilities of Middlesbrough PCT in particular.

We welcomed the report and the opportunity to discuss our plans with you and acknowledge your comments that the PCT response did not contain sufficient detail in the respect of the recommendations. In particular that we did not provide enough detail in relation to the proactive work in this area, the innovation and partnership working with the various agencies and organisations responsible for delivering this challenging agenda.

I am personally disappointed that we were unable to convey adequately enough our demonstrable commitment to improving well being and mental health services but accept the need to further ensure that we are at all times, able to demonstrate quality outcomes and value for money in relation to the services we commission for the people of Middlesbrough.

Following this very useful discussion we are now in a position to provide a detailed formal response (attached) which we hope addresses the areas you and the panel have highlighted and reflects our commitment to improving the quality of emotional wellbeing and mental health services.

Thank you once again for this report and your continued interest and involvement in the local health agenda.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colin McLeod". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Colin McLeod
Chief Executive