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Dear Susie

On behalf of NHS Tees many thanks for the Health Scrutiny Panels 'Neurological Services – Final Report' and the accompanying recommendations. The NHS Tees response to the recommendations was approved by the Executive Team on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012.

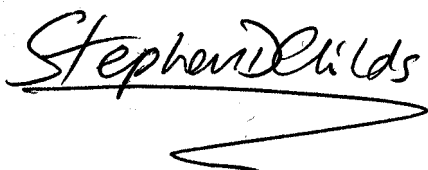
Discussions at the meeting focussed on the perceived issues raised by the stakeholders who presented to the panel and the need to investigate further to ensure that the proposed actions moving forward are based on a robust evidence base.

Members of the Executive Team including GP representatives raised concerns that the report does not necessarily reflect their perception of the relationship with hospital based colleagues and the perceived issues regarding neurological services and we would appreciate it if this could be noted.

Furthermore, the views of PCT and GP Commissioners seem under-represented. This poses a risk that the report becomes disproportionately influenced by the views of provider organisations.

We are very keen to progress this work and to ensure that neurological services are commissioned on an equitable basis and meet the needs of the NHS Tees population.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Childs  
**Interim Chief Executive**