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Dear Colleague

Care Quality Commission Registration Requirements

The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is aware of the new Care Quality Commission registration requirements and the work NHS providers will be doing this month in order to submit an application for registration.

As an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, we have been invited to comment on how well NHS providers are meeting essential standards. This request replaces the usual request to comment on compliance with the Core Standards as part of the Annual Health Check.

This information has been requested by the end of January 2010 which is earlier in the year than the third-party commentaries on the Core Standards were requested and due to a full work programme, the Committee has decided it will not be in a position to submit any information for the purposes of CQC registration. The Committee always aims to add value to the health service in any work it undertakes and believes that with the large number of NHS Trusts in Kent, it would be difficult to produce something useful in the allotted time. We also note that with the new system, the Committee would be able to send information in at any time as registration is an ongoing process.

The Committee is keen to stress that the decision not to provide any information to contribute to the registration process should not be taken to imply that the

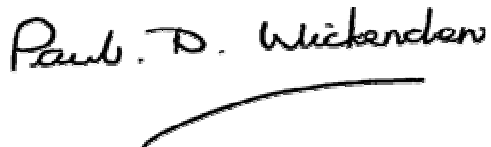
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Committee has any reservations about the application of any Trust in the region and looks forward to a productive relationship with the NHS, Care Quality Commission and LINKs in the coming year.

Kind regards



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