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Dear Paul

**Concerns of Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee**

As I am sure you are aware at the last two meetings of the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee issues concerning Dorset Healthcare University Trust have been discussed at some length both in relation to the Care Quality Commission visits and subsequent actions and the implementation of changes to adult mental health urgent care services in the west of Dorset.

I enclose a copy of the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 May 2013 and would draw your attention to Minute 32.1 to 32.15 and in particular the resolution Minute 33 which reads:

**Resolved**

*33. That the Committee:*

- (i) noted with alarm the situation regarding the provision of critical mental health care in Bridport and Sherborne;*
- (ii) censured Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust for its failure to keep the promises made to the Committee; and*
- (iii) seek a full explanation from the responsible officer of the Trust as to the problems and the most suitable solution.*

The Committee meets again on Friday 13 September 2013 and I would therefore be grateful if you could provide a written response to this resolution, and in particular to point (iii) which can be provided to the Committee at the next meeting. I would be grateful if this response could be with me by Monday 19 August 2013.

If you have any queries regarding this request or anticipate any problems with meeting the reporting time frame please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Lucy Johns**  
Health Partnerships Officer

