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Dear Colleagues,

Peninsula Community Health is commissioned by Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group to deliver adult community healthcare services across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. The current contract will run until 31 March 2016.

Today, 2 July 2015, Peninsula Community Health has announced that its Board has taken the decision that it will not seek a contract extension beyond March 2016 for a number of reasons including the challenging financial climate and has made NHS Kernow aware of the decision. We are all extremely proud of the achievements of Peninsula Community Health throughout its contract – particularly the high standard of care for patients and the quality and commitment of staff – all of which was recently confirmed by recent Care Quality Commission inspections.

It is with great reluctance therefore that Peninsula Community Health has concluded that it is in the best interests of patients and staff in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly if we work together with other partners during the remainder of the contract term to ensure a smooth transition of services to other providers after March next year.

We are committed to continuing to work together and with our health and social care partners to support staff and patients during this period of transition and to develop service provision. It is clear that community services are essential to transform health and social care and we are confident that the expertise, experience and values we share will continue to shape patient care during this transition phase.

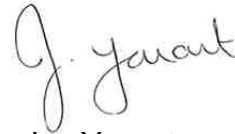
We would like to reassure you there will be no change in the way that patients will receive care and we will continue to work together to maintain the quality and safety of services.

We will be working closely to identify how we can best affect an orderly transfer of services and will communicate developments about progress made during this phase regularly. In the meantime if you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact either of us direct

Yours sincerely



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