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*Dear Mr. Naidoo,*

**Consultation on Urgent Care and Community Care Services in East Riding of Yorkshire referral under Regulation 23(9) of the Local Authority (Public Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013**

As you know, your letter of 28 April about the consultation on urgent care and community care services in the East Riding of Yorkshire was referred to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel.

The IRP has now completed its initial assessment and shared its advice with me.

**IRP advice**

The IRP has considered the issues you raise in your letter. The IRP have concluded that this referral is not suitable for full review because further local action by the NHS with your committee can address the issues raised.

The IRP have noted that your sub-committee has accepted the need for change across the health and social care sector; and that your work is to be commended, alongside that of the CCG in responding to the many and varied questions that your sub-committee put to it.

The IRP have recommended that maximum effort should be invested in the co-production of a clear communication plan so that all stakeholders understand the rationale for change and the benefits it will bring, and that the CCG's proposals can therefore be successfully implemented. The case for change is based on authoritative clinical advice - from the local clinical senate - that the preferred option will put services on a safe and sustainable footing, and address the significant challenges facing the local health economy. However, the Sub-Committee's concerns about the

level and degree of engagement with local stakeholders are also very real, and must be addressed if these necessary changes are to be implemented successfully.

They have concluded that further work is now required to inform and assure the public that the changes put forward offer an improvement to the service currently being provided.

I have accepted the IRP's advice.

A copy of the full advice is appended to this letter and will be published on the IRP's website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/independent-reconfiguration-panel>.

I would like to underline the point that the proposed reconfiguration of services is based on sound evidence, but its implementation will require much more effort in engaging stakeholders. I would therefore ask that you work with the CCG to ensure successful management of the change that your local NHS needs.

I am copying this letter to Lord Ribeiro, and to Dr Gina Palumbo, chair of the NHS East Riding of Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

*Yours sincerely  
Jeremy Hunt*

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