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**Subject:** Health and wellbeing peer challenge - invitation to submit an expression of interest

Dear Ms Goddard,

On behalf of Wirral Health & Wellbeing Board I am pleased to submit an expression of interest in being included in your programme of peer challenge during 2013/14. Wirral Council is going through significant changes to respond to the challenges of shaping ourselves to work efficiently and effectively in partnership with our local community to respond to their needs. We have benefited corporately from being involved in a Peer Challenge, and see this as an effective mechanism to allow us to reflect on where we can best focus our efforts and adapt our responses. As a Health & Wellbeing Board, we have worked well together, identifying the issues that we believe we can collectively add value on, and looking to bring our resources and leadership to make a difference in health and wellbeing outcomes for our community. We have built, during our shadow year, the relationships that allow us to operate as a Board with candour and to surface those issues where difficult decisions will need to be made. We are motivated to apply for this opportunity for a peer challenge by our desire to build on these relationships, and particularly to ensure that where we do have difficult issues to tackle, we are able to move beyond discussing them to holding ourselves accountable for making an impact on them.

We are working collaboratively on developing integrated commissioning and provision, and on tackling urgent care, so we would like the Peer Challenge to help us test the following connected issues.

One of our agreed purposes as a Board is to drive a collaborative approach to commissioning of improved health and care services which improve the health and wellbeing of local people.

Within this context, we would particularly wish to explore our approach to early intervention/prevention, and our approach to developing community resilience and asset-based community development with a view to understanding whether we were working effectively together as a board to maximise the opportunities to enhance self-care, and to deliver a shift in demand for high cost-services. This would enable us to test how well we are developing our communities in tandem with reshaping the way we work as partners with those communities.

We would welcome a Peer challenge early in 2014, in either January or February as we would have been able to make sufficient progress by then that the peer challenge team would be able to explore.