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### **By Email**

To: SHA Cluster Chief Executives

Cc: SHA Cluster Directors of Finance  
Janet Perry, NHS Chief Financial Controller, DH  
Sally Warren, Director of Social Care Policy, DH  
Ian Winter, Deputy Director – Social Care, DH  
Ian Bainbridge, Deputy Director – Social Care, DH  
Rachel Holynska, Deputy Director – Social Care, DH  
Wendy Balmain, Deputy Director – Social Care, DH

### **Supporting Local Resilience during Winter and Maintaining Access in 2012/13**

Dear Colleague,

Further to our recent discussions, I am writing to inform you that this week, I have allocated £82.5m, to each SHA Cluster, to support local resilience during this winter and to ensure access to both elective and non-elective care is maintained throughout 2012/13. SHA Clusters will be responsible for distributing this funding as appropriate across their health and care system, including to Foundation Trusts.

At least £25m of each SHA Cluster's allocation, should be transferred to local authorities for investment in social care services, that also benefit the health system. The funding is being provided to further support joint working between health and social care services, and to support a continued focus on reablement and improving the interface between health and social care. The Department expects to see a direct impact of this funding in terms of continued improvement in the number of delayed transfers of care attributable to social care.

Transfers will need to be made to local authorities from PCTs, via an agreement under section 256 of the 2006 NHS Act. PCTs should work with their local authorities to develop proposals for the best use of the funding available.

SHA Clusters are required to return, to the Department, by Friday 15th February 2013, any of the £82.5m, which will not be spent in this financial year. SHA Clusters are also required to inform me by Thursday 28th February 2013, how the £25m social care funding has been allocated and the impact it has made. In addition, I

require the high-level NHS expenditure plans for the remaining £57.5m, by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

Yours sincerely

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