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Dear

As you will be aware, North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust, has engaged with all Health Overview & Scrutiny Committees on a number of issues, since its inception in 2006.

Again this year, as part of its business planning cycle, the Trust has identified some areas of work for 2009/10, that members of your Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee may be interested in further. These areas of work are outlined below:

- Foundation Trust application
- NWAS' strategic vision and implementation of *Taking Healthcare to the Patient* – a subject of previous scrutiny, we would welcome the opportunity to provide updates as our service modernisation plans take shape
- Estates Strategy
- Electronic Patient Records implementation
- Future Patient Transport Services Strategy

In addition, we will continue to engage with OSCs as appropriate regarding our role in local acute services reconfigurations.

I hope these areas of service development are of interest and you feel they may benefit from scrutiny by your committee. We would be happy to provide further information on any of these areas or indeed come and meet with your committee to discuss.

With regard to our Foundation Trust application, we are intending to undertake a formal consultation process commencing in September 2009 and will write to you again in June to gain your views on your preferred methods for engaging with us on this matter.

The Trust will also undertake regular communications to ensure OSCs are kept informed of key service developments, performance and achievement of standards.

If you would like to receive more information on any of the areas above or would like to set up a meeting, please contact my Head of Corporate Communications, Asiya Jelani, on 01204 498400 or Asiya.jelani@nwas.nhs.uk .

Yours sincerely

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John Burnside
Chief Executive