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Dear Mr. Dent

**Re: Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular review**

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the Cheshire & Mersey Vascular Review. Within Central and Eastern Cheshire the South Cheshire & Vale Royal Consortia's strategic vision is to commission care for its patient's from a vascular provider that can provide a robust complete service.

University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust is currently achieving the national AAA Quality Improvement programme markers and aims to reduce elective AAA mortality to 3.5% or less by 2013. In addition they already provide vascular services to our area. Furthermore we believe that cardiothoracic and renal components are significant elements to managing Vascular conditions, both of which we currently commission from the University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust. Therefore our current position is to strengthen our links with the University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust and we request that the Cheshire and Mersey Vascular review board consider this position within the review process.

It is our understanding that this is also the view that has been taken by Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

It is important to stress that we would hope that it does not preclude future discussions around service delivery and pathway development. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you well with the Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Review

Yours sincerely

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