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Dear Colleagues,

**New leadership arrangements across NHS Darlington CCG and NHS Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees CCG**

I am writing to let you know about some changes in the senior leadership of the CCG required from October this year.

Ali Wilson our current Chief Officer is planning to take a phased retirement and having considered a number of possible options to secure continued strong leadership of the CCG I am pleased to let you know that Ali has agreed to continue to work in a part time capacity but in a shared role with Dr Andrea Jones, the current clinical Chair of Darlington CCG. This was considered the most advantageous way forward, ensuring stability within the CCG at a time of significant challenge and the potential developments relating to the future architecture of the NHS.

This means that from October whilst Ali will retain her role as Accountable Officer albeit within reduced hours, Andrea will take on a 'Chief Clinical Officer' role to complement and contribute to the work Ali undertakes as the current Chief Officer.

Andrea will of course need to give up her role as Chair to work in an Executive capacity across both organisations. Andrea has significant experience to offer the two CCGs having been a GP for many years and then Chair of the CCG in Darlington since its inception.

We are also pleased therefore to confirm that Dr Alison McNaughton-Jones will take up the role of Chair of Darlington CCG whilst Andrea undertakes this role. (Dr Posmyk will continue as Chair of HaST CCG)

This arrangement will be for a year in the first instance whilst we evaluate the approach and consider the changing context.

From September, Andrea will begin to undertake her induction to the new role and will take the opportunity to introduce herself to those stakeholders who do not already know her at the earliest possible time. Likewise, Andrea will introduce Alison to the Darlington Stakeholders during September and early October.

Kind regards,

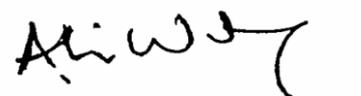
Yours sincerely,



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Chair, HaST CCG



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**Ms Ali Wilson**  
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