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Via e mail

Dear Colleague

I am writing to invite your organisation to participate in the joint NHS and North East Combined Authority health and social care commission which is exploring how we can further develop joint working to improve the health and wellbeing of local people and address health inequalities.

As you will be aware, the commission was set up following the signing of the proposed devolution agreement between the combined authority and the Government which aims to drive economic growth and bring jobs and investment to the North East.

We are looking at some specific themes within this broad agenda and are now inviting individuals and organisations from across County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland and neighbouring areas to submit written evidence which will be used to inform our work.

**The attached document sets out the themes we are focusing on, how submissions can be made and the date by which these are needed (Friday 22 April 2016).**

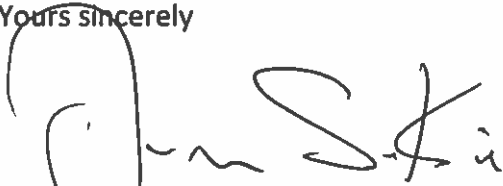
A contribution from your organisation to inform our work would be very much valued.

We are sharing this document widely and are working with communications and engagement teams to help with this process but we would also be very grateful for any support you can provide to make sure it is distributed as far as possible with internal and external networks.

We are planning to hold listening events in each local authority area during the second half of April and beginning of May where individuals and organisations will be invited to have further discussions about this important debate. We will be in contact in due course about these events.

I hope you will feel able to contribute to this important work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duncan Selbie'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and 'S'.

Duncan Selbie

Chair, NHS / nca joint commission for health and social care integration and  
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