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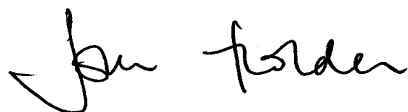
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Dear Councillor Illingworth

Thank you for inviting me to attend a further meeting of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) on 11 December 2013.

Having considered your request, I am afraid that I will need to decline your invitation. We are working hard to ensure that the review establishes an even handed approach with its stakeholders. The work of the review will affect the residents of every council area so we need to consider how to work with all 152 councils and their scrutiny functions. To return to a Yorkshire and Humber JHOSC meeting so soon would not be consistent with this approach. We are planning a plenary session with council leaders, Health and Wellbeing Boards, and Healthwatch leaders, and we will be trying to visit other OSCs now that we have prioritised the three who referred Safe and Sustainable to Secretary of State. I am happy to send a short written update in advance of the 11 December 2013 meeting, and I do not rule out attending a future meeting. But I am sorry that I will not be able to attend in person on the day.

Yours sincerely



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