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To: PCTs, Providers, GPs, Patient Groups, Y&H SCG, Y&H SHA, Scrutiny Boards, NHS Kidney Care, Networks, Renal Strategy Group, Local Implementation Groups

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Dear Colleague

## RE: DRAFT YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER RENAL STRATEGY 2009-14

Please find enclosed a copy of the Draft Yorkshire and the Humber Renal Strategy 2009-14.

A number of specialised services are commissioned collaboratively by PCTs across the Yorkshire and Humber region by the Specialised Commissioning Group (SCG). The Renal Strategy Group was established within the SCG to take forward the commissioning of a range of renal services. Membership of the Strategy Group is made up largely of clinicians from across the region, and also representation from patient groups and management

The Yorkshire and the Humber Renal Network Strategy sets out a five-year plan and outlines the following aims:

- 1. To prevent the occurrence of renal disease, through systematic identification of at risk groups, and reduction of risk factors.
- 2. To slow the progress of renal disease, through ensuring high coverage of disease management interventions across primary and secondary care.
- 3. To ensure early identification and referral of patients likely to need Renal Replacement Therapy, and adequate preparation and choice of treatment type.
- 4. To ensure timely availability of Renal Replacement Therapy for those likely to benefit from treatment by haemodialysis in designated renal units (or associated satellite units), by receiving a renal transplant, peritoneal dialysis or home haemodialysis.

This strategy is intended to provide the context for a consistent approach to planning services and moving towards equity of provision, in line with the implementation of the National Service Framework. The Yorkshire and the Humber Renal Strategy Group will be responsible for the implementation of the strategy and have agreed a five year work plan (included as appendix 1 of the strategy). Please note figure 1 will follow as an addendum.

I would be grateful if you could review the document and wherever possible provide early feedback. Comments should be forwarded to Rebecca Campbell, Renal Network Manager, at <a href="mailto:Rebecca.Campbell@barnsleypct.nhs.uk">Rebecca.Campbell@barnsleypct.nhs.uk</a> by no later than Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

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