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Dear Ms Claire,

Re Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) – 22 September 2011

The Yorkshire and Humber Regional Joint HOSC meeting this morning was convened around your availability to attend as the Yorkshire representative of the JCPCT. The Committee was advised at the start of its meeting that Andy Buck was attending in your place. With every respect to Mr Buck he is not a representative of the JCPCT, he has made it clear to our Committee this morning that he has not been briefed by you on this matter and that he has not attended previous JCPCT meetings. He has no official capacity to represent the JCPCT today.

Mr Buck has offered to listen to what we have to say and to take away any questions he cannot answer and ensure that we will be given those answers in writing. At the eleventh hour in the process this is simply not acceptable.

We have repeatedly asked for a JCPCT member to attend our meetings. We first asked for the availability of a JCPCT member to attend our meeting five months ago. We were finally advised that you would be available to attend a meeting this morning at one week's notice.

We were not given any apology for your failure to attend today and were not given any prior warning that you would not be attending.

The committee demand your attendance on behalf of the JCPCT as agreed today. We require you to attend before 2:00pm today. I need not remind you that the NHS has a statutory duty to comply with the Committee's request for attendance.

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We intend to make our views clear about this latest incident and the contempt with which the Joint HOSC for this region and the democratically elected representatives of 5.5 million people have been treated by the JCPCT. This has further undermined our confidence in the process of the Safe and Sustainable Review.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC), Yorkshire and the Humber

cc All Members of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber)