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Dear Mr Alexander

### Local Involvement Networks – Transitional Arrangements

Thank you for your letter dated 15 January 2008.

The Council has established a Project Team to appoint a host organisation for the Croydon LINK. The Project Leader is Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services at Croydon Council.

So far the Project Team has:

- Issued an OJEU PIN notice to consult with the market
- Arranged community consultation events, the first of which took place on 18 January 2008, to which I understand you were invited. Other events are to take place on, 9 January (Fieldway Community Centre), 5 February (Stanley Halls South Norwood), 12 February (Christchurch Hall, Purley). In addition there are presentations to the Neighbourhood Partnerships Meetings on 23 and 30 January 2008 and 6 and 13 February 2008.
- Agreed to arrange a meeting with chairs of all the Patients Forums under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Executive, Mr Will Tuckley to update them on progress. We are in the process of synchronising diary dates.
- Agreed to arrange meetings with CVA and Shaw Trust who have both expressed an interest in hosting the Patients' Forums, during the transition

I understand your need for details of the proposals for the future. However, you will surely understand that the government is developing a completely new approach to service design which involves the community designing the services rather than the Council. So when you ask for details of what we propose to do, we can only give you the details of how we are consulting the community on how the community might want to see the service designed. At the end of the consultation process we will have enough information about the various options for designing the new service for the community to choose from, including the nature of the interim service.



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