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Andrew Parker, Director
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Dear Andrew and Suzanne

We write on behalf of the DacCom PbC Ltd Executive to communicate DacCom's position, as practice based commissioners, on the proposal for a Health Centre on the Hemel Hospital site.

From its discussions at its meeting on 3 April 2008, the Executive agreed that, as commissioners, it does not believe that the proposal for a Health Centre on the Hemel Hospital site is the most effective use of this money. We understand the political need for a Health Centre and we understand how this could improve access and services for patients. But we believe it is best located in an area with under-provision currently.

The decision to have a Health Centre in the centre of Hemel Hempstead is erroneous as this area is well served by primary care; services being offered by a number of GP practices presently providing good standards of access and patient care.

There are other areas in Hemel Hempstead and Watford where there are levels of deprivation and unmet patient need, and current doctors are seeking to expand their premises and services. We feel that funds are better spent in developing services in those areas. The PCT could look at premises applications over the last few years.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Zunia Hurst
Director

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Dr Mary McMinn
Director & Company Secretary