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Dear Mr Stevens,

At a meeting of Hyndburn Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28th June 2016, we received a report on the future of Calderstones NHS Trust, linked to Transforming Care, Homes Not Hospitals, and Building the Right Support, all of which are papers published by NHS England.

This matter was also discussed by Full Council on 7th July 2016.

Whilst we understand the benefits of the policy for Care in the Community rather than in hospitals, I write this letter on behalf of Hyndburn Borough Council to outline a number of concerns, particularly linked to the closure of all in-patient facilities at the site of Calderstones NHS Trust (Now Mersey Care as of 1st July 2016):

- **A lack of meaningful public consultation taking place to inform the decision to close the in-patient facilities at Calderstones**
- **The decision taken not to retain any in-patient facilities at Calderstones, and to re-site a Medium Secure Unit at Maghull and a Low Secure Unit at a yet unidentified site.**

We believe that in excess of £40 million has been spent in the last 7 years on medium and low secure units at the Calderstones site (including £15 million on the low secure site only 2 years ago). The Council asks that you reconsider using these purpose built facilities at Calderstones for future medium and low secure in-patient facilities, particularly low secure, for which we are told an alternate site has not yet been identified.

We would appreciate your response to this letter.

Yours Sincerely,

Cllr Eamonn Higgins, Chair of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Sent on behalf of Hyndburn Borough Council



