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To: Chief Executive of all Strategic Health Authority
Clusters,
Chief Executives of all Primary Care Trust Clusters.

Cc: Chief Executives of all NHS Trusts,
Chief Executives of all NHS Foundation Trusts.

Dear Colleague

2012-13 PCT REVENUE ALLOCATIONS

I am writing to you today to inform you of the announcement of revenue allocations for primary care trusts (PCTs) for 2012-13.

The PCT revenue allocations in 2012-13 will grow at 2.8 per cent, including an additional £150 million for reablement services, which exceeds the Office for Budgetary Responsibility's forecast of inflation for that year, supporting continued investment in local front-line services.

This means that the total investment in local NHS services for 2012-13 is £91.6 billion, an increase in excess of £2.5 billion.

The allocations place the NHS in a strong position to deliver the Government's national priorities set out in the 2012-13 Operating Framework published on 24 November.

Subject to the passage of the Health and Social Care Bill, this would be the last round of allocations made to PCTs, as for 2013-14 onwards the NHS Commissioning Board would be responsible for the allocation of resources to clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), while the Department would make grants to Local Authorities for their public health responsibilities.

It would be for the Board to decide the most efficient way to allocate resources to CCGs.

However, the Commissioning Board would be under a duty to seek to reduce inequalities in access to services and in patient outcomes, as well as to deliver any requirements in the mandate from the Secretary of State and would therefore have regard to the prospective burden of disease and disability when determining allocations.

We also expect to make announcements of shadow indicative allocations for shadow CCGs and public health. These will support future planning and allow for a short period of engagement to review our approach before making actual 2013-14 allocations during 2012. The expected timetable for future allocations is:

- Shadow allocations to CCGs and to Local Authorities for public health for 2012-13 published early in the New Year.
- Actual allocations to CCGs and Local Authorities for 2013-14 will be made in late 2012.

Yours sincerely,

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Sir David Nicholson KCB CBE
NHS Chief Executive