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To: Cheltenham Patient Participation Group Members
Via email through Practice Managers

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Dear Patient Participation Member

I am writing on behalf of the Cheltenham Locality Executive (CLE) regarding the Cheltenham Locality Development Plan (attached). This has been produced by the Lead GPs on the CLE and outlines initiatives planned to address people's health needs in Cheltenham. It draws on public health information, information about use of existing services and feedback from professionals and the patients they work with.

The CLE would like to hear from the Cheltenham Locality Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) about these plans/proposals. We appreciate that PPGs routinely hear about patients' experiences: perspectives of existing services and about what developments the local community feel would be useful. In the light of this we would appreciate the PPG's thoughts on the priorities in the LDP, any issues they would like to highlight and feedback from patients who may have benefitted from these schemes.

We are especially interested in thoughts on the Social Prescribing Scheme which has the potential to be very beneficial in addressing people's broader social needs.

We would be grateful if you could respond by Friday, 27th February 2015 by emailing your feedback direct to Cheryl Ewing, Cheltenham Locality Development Manager at cheryl.ewing@nhs.net. Your views and comments are really important and will help us ensure that plans are informed by local views and experiences to achieve the best possible outcomes for the residents of Cheltenham.

If you have any queries about this or require additional information please don't hesitate to contact Cheryl Ewing on 0300 421 1534 or via the above email address.

Thank you in advance for your time considering this, I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Dr Will Miles, Chair
Cheltenham Locality Executive