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Dear Sharon,

I am writing in response to Scrutiny Commission's review of children's services in Rotherham set out in your letter of 23rd March 2017.

I can confirm that The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT) supports the preferred option, to continue with a peer practice partnership approach. We agree that this is likely to secure better and sustainable outcomes for Children and Young People.

It is clear from TRFT's perspective, that Rotherham MBC has made significant progress over the last two years and that continuing with the current approach will provide the greatest opportunity to see these changes continue and become embedded. Thus, changing the delivery model at this stage could add significant risk.

I am pleased that the review has not ruled out the adoption of other approaches in the future and we are very interested in exploring further integration opportunities between our organisations moving forward, similar to those that are evolving for adult services. This will allow the exploration of alternative delivery models and on the basis that we are committed to maintaining this dialogue, TRFT is supportive of the proposed approach taken by RMBC.

Yours sincerely



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