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Dear Lise,

**Third party Commentary for the 2009 Core Standards Declaration -
NHS Berkshire East**

Bracknell Forest's Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel has the following comments to contribute to the NHS Berkshire East Primary Care Trust's Core Standards Declaration to the Care Quality Commission for the first six months of 2009/10.

Due to the wide remit of the PCT, limitations on Councillors' time, and the number of organisations within the Committee's purview, we have necessarily confined our comments to a small number of discrete issues.

Domain 3, Governance C7:

The Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel is very seriously concerned that there should be no diminution of healthcare resources and services for Bracknell Forest residents arising from the PCT's stated aim of focusing on health problems in Slough. Whilst appreciating that the problems of high rates of HIV, TB and diabetes need to be addressed, Members are concerned that this is not done at the expense of healthcare for Bracknell Forest residents. The PCT should obtain additional resources and/or monies to address this issue.

All Domains

The Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel is currently carrying out two detailed reviews, of the Bracknell Healthspace and preparedness for public health emergencies, both of which involve the PCT. It is probable that the ensuing reports will comment on the PCT's performance and project management skills in relation to the NHS Core Standards.

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