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Dear Dr Fielden

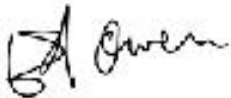
I am writing following the publication of the engagement outcome report, relating to the proposed changes to Clinical Reference Groups and their membership to again express deep concern at the proposal to abolish the Clinical Reference Group for Cystic Fibrosis.

In my letter of 11 March 2016, I invited you to meet with me to discuss the nature of your proposals and the serious concerns that they raise about the quality of specialist advice that will be available to NHS England in future but did not receive a response.

We feel that the engagement outcome report fails to directly address the substance of the concerns we raised and that measures aiming to mitigate some of the issues raise more questions than they answer.

We are anxious that any proposal will maintain or improve the quality of specialist cystic fibrosis advice available to NHS England and I hope we can now meet soon to ensure this happens.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive

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