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Mr Steve Williamson – Deputy Chief Executive Harton Wing South Tyneside District Hospital Harton Lane, South Shields Tyne & Wear NE34 OPL

Dear Steve

The Save South Tyneside Hospital Campaign is writing an open letter to you and other health and local authority leaders to call on you to release the Sustainability & Transformation Plans (STPs) that have so far been withheld from the public. We are greatly concerned about the impact on the provision of acute services and the Accident & Emergency services across South Tyneside and Sunderland as well as the whole NHS in our region.

We were aware that the 44 STPs foot prints were submitted on 21 October, therefore we feel it is right to demand that they be released immediately to us so we and other members of the public, who will be affected by the plans, can study them. We need to see the full STP report as submitted by Northumbria, Tyne & Wear and North Durham as well as the local response plans that South Tyneside Foundation Trust and City Hospitals Sunderland have submitted.

Yours sincerely

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