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Dear Dr Beerstecher

I write further to the recent correspondence between yourself, NHS England and the CCG in relation to the CCG – GP IT Agreement. Firstly may I apologise for the delay in formally responding to you but we wanted to provide you with sufficiently detailed responses to the significant number of issues, questions and requests for clarification that you raised. The attached document responds to each of the points raised and I hope this provides you with enough information to allay your concerns sufficiently for you to sign the agreement.

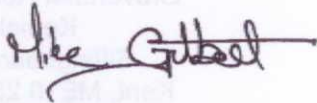
As you have already been informed the CCG – GP IT Agreement is a national agreement that all GP practices have been mandated by NHS England to sign with their relevant CCG. It replaces the existing PCT/NHS England agreement. With the exception of the appendices the wording of the Agreement is standard for all GP practices and formalises the CCG responsibility for the provision of GPIT.

The national GPSoC contracts are for the provision of practice systems such as System One, Vision and Emis, and are agreed on the basis of the requisite agreement being in place between the practice and the CCG (replacing the previous agreement with the PCTs). As such if these agreements are not in place then these services cannot be supplied to practices under the GPSoC contracts. Where these agreements are not in place we have been informed that notice is to be served on non-signing practices for the termination of the supply of systems, kit and accompanying IT support, at which point the practice in question will be required to source and enter into their own agreements for the supply of systems and support.

Both the CCG and NHS England are happy to provide further clarification if required. However it is not appropriate for the agreement to persist in being unsigned. As this is a national agreement, and given the expectations linked to the GPSoC contracts, the CCG is unable to provide your practice with a bespoke solution, and therefore I must advise you that failure to sign the Agreement within 1 calendar month of the date of this letter will leave us no option but to commence the serving of notice as

described above. That said, I trust that our response to each of your queries provides you with sufficient information to enable you to now sign the Agreement.

Yours sincerely



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