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Dear Hilary,

As you are aware the NHS nationally and Coastal West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group is under increasing financial pressure and we have to look at all our spend to ensure that we can continue to provide health services for our local population. We are having to take some very hard decisions this year. We have recently had to let you know that we are no longer able to run the Innovation Fund.

Over the last few years, we have also funded you with a grant of £6,250 per year. Unfortunately we are not able to provide this funding for 2017/18. However, we do want to support your time in attending and contributing to PEC meetings as representing the voluntary sector locally. We are offering a sum of £750 per year to cover time at the meeting and travel for 2017/18. This is based on £30 / hour, assuming 4 hours per bi-monthly meeting. I would be grateful if you could forward invoices in April 2017 to bridget.pettitt@nhs.net

I appreciate that this is disappointing news and that you are already experiencing substantial reduction in funding. You have written to Bridget to suggest that there would be a reduction in access to communication networks. It would be helpful to understand what this would entail. I assume that you would continue to include information in your monthly newsletter, as this is a service that your membership must appreciate, and would not want to be excluded. If we were to ask you to conduct any meetings or specific mail outs entailing additional resources, we would of course need to discuss these additional costs on a case by case basis.

Once again, I do appreciate that this is disappointing news and would like to thank you for your understanding.

Glynn Dodd

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