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Friday, 29 October 2010

Dear Richard,

**RE: 2010/11 Funding for Re-ablement linked to Hospital Discharge**

The Stockport LINK would like to draw attention to the letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010 from the Department of Health to Chief Executives in Strategic Health Authorities in England.

The Stockport LINK as you know have been concerned about hospital discharges for some time and has set up a task and finish group to try and understand the reasons and suggest solutions to the issues from a patient prospective. Therefore we would like understand how this allocation of additional £365,000 will be used in Stockport.

We would like to see/discuss any current plans which are in place and be involved in any plans to develop further with this new allocation.

It is important that the LINK be involved in any service changes and decisions (set out in statute) which will affect patients in Stockport. Involving the LINK from the start in planning and early discussions will demonstrate your obligation and commitment to fully engaging with the public.

We will be happy to discuss a way forward how about how the LINK can be involved in this process and look forward to hearing from you.

John Leach  
LINK Chair  
On behalf of the Stockport LINK

CC: NHS Northwest  
Chris Burke/Judith Morris, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust  
Terry Dafter, Stockport Council  
Sarah Woods, Care Quality Commission  
Cllr. John Pantall, Stockport Council