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Dear Colleague

### **New Cancer Ratings**

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board in connection with the new cancer ratings published by NHS England on 4 October 2016.

I am concerned the data shows that all the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in Lincolnshire are performing poorly compared to other areas of the England. In particular Lincolnshire West CCG and Lincolnshire East CCG are assessed as being amongst the worst in the country for diagnosing cancer at an early stage.

In addition, Lincolnshire East CCG has been ranked as being one of 24 CCGs in England in the 'greatest need for improvement', with the remaining three CCGs ranked as 'needs improvement'. This information clearly shows that the health system in Lincolnshire is not providing adequate care to cancer patients and that there are significant improvements that need to be made to meet the critical needs of people living with cancer.

On behalf of the Board, I am therefore seeking assurance that improvement plans are being put in place to address the issues highlighted by the NHS England's cancer ratings, specifically measures to improve the rate of early diagnosis and treatment.

Yours sincerely



**Cllr Sue Woolley**  
**Chairman, Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board**

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