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Dear Colleague

**REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL – MEETING TO BE HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2009
Investing in Health for Worcestershire. A five year draft strategy: 2008 -2013**

Soon after its inception Worcestershire PCT made a commitment to develop and consult on a health strategy for Worcestershire. We have had to respond to a rapidly changing policy context with the publication of 'Investing for Health' the strategic framework for the West Midlands Strategic Health Authority, 'High Quality Care for All' the final report from the Darzi Review and the planning requirements outlined in the World Class Commissioning Programme.

The Strategy outlines our vision for health in Worcestershire, our strategic priorities and goals, the initiatives and investments that we will commit to achieving our goals. We have had some helpful feedback from the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the strategy. We are seeking further feedback from our key stakeholders on the content of the document. In particular have we missed any priority areas; are there presentation issues?

We recognize that this is a weighty business tome but once comments are received in the early part of the New Year we will develop a short "easy to read" version for general public consultation.

Your responses will inform a further iteration of the Plan. It is intended that the finalized strategy document be submitted to the West Midlands Strategic Health Authority in spring 2009 after the general public consultation.

Please return views and comments to Dr Lola Abudu, Director of Planning and Partnership by February 9th 2009. You can either write to the address above or email lola.abudu@worcspct.nhs.uk. Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely



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