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Drug Treatment – Payment by Results

On 3 August 2011 a consultation regarding Payment by Results in Drug Treatment closed. The consultation document was minimal and can be found at <http://www.nta.nhs.uk/healthcare-pbr.aspx>

The Safer Stockton Partnership discussed the proposed payment model at a recent meeting, responding to the consultation as per the attached document. The Partnership noted the consultation was not regarding whether Payment by Results should occur, but how Payment by Results should be nationally applied.

You will see from the attached that the Partnership has significant concerns with the proposals identified in the consultation.

The Partnership wanted its concerns to be expressed to you. It also wished to affirm that, although it supports payment by results being identified and incorporated into individual contracts locally, it does not support an over-arching payment by results system that has the potential to fragment current positive operational partnership working.

Please accept this correspondence as an expression of the Safer Stockton Partnership's deep concern at the potential harm to localities that could occur if the proposed Payment by Results system is not significantly amended.

Yours sincerely