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Dear Pete,

Firstly, can we apologise for the time it has taken for the CCG to respond formally to your letter regarding the work that Healthwatch undertook last year to look at the mental wellbeing of people who are pregnant or have had a baby in the last 2 years (perinatal period). We are pleased you were able to present the findings of your report to the CCG Quality Committee last year and receive feedback on the outcomes of the survey and your recommendations.

As you know the Perinatal Network in Sutton is now truly embedded and remains a key priority for Sutton, across Health and Social Care. We are also pleased to see that a number of the recommendations have already been taken on board and implemented over the past 6 months, including improved access to information, improving support partners and training and support to professionals. It is through this network that the CCG would expect your recommendations to be developed further, as part of the networks continuous improvement, the outcomes of which, will be reported back through the delivery mechanisms of the wider Sutton Plan.

The perinatal mental health conference that took place late last year showcased the great outcomes that have been achieved so far and an ongoing commitment to further extend the reach of the service to a wider group of people.

The CCG would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Healthwatch for the work you undertook which has helped towards the success of this programme and will continue to inform the next steps.

Yours sincerely

Mary Hopper, on behalf of Sutton CCG
Director of Quality