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Dear Colleague

I am writing to inform you that Solent NHS Trust has successfully been awarded the contract to provide children's community integrated therapy services across Hampshire. From 1 May 2014, we will be providing Speech & Language Therapy, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Services to children and young people in Hampshire.

As an experienced provider of community and mental health services, including children's services, to people in Southampton, Portsmouth and Hampshire, we are confident that we can deliver a high quality service with excellent outcomes for the people who use our services.

As the Children's Therapy Service Manager, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to explain what will happen next. We have begun implementing our mobilisation plan to transfer staff, activity and service provision from the existing providers to Solent NHS Trust on 1 May 2014. Our mobilisation Board will oversee the transition process to ensure that we maintain service continuity, and quality care, throughout this process.

We have a comprehensive communications plan in place to ensure we fully engage with you, one of our key stakeholders, as well as staff and children, young people and their families. We will be sharing information with you about our new integrated service model, and our single point of access and referral pathways.

We are positive that over service model, with your support, will improve service delivery and access for families. As we state in our service vision, '*...working together to improve outcomes for every child*', we are keen to continue to work with you to collectively meet the needs of children with communication, physical and functional difficulties.

We will continue to keep you informed about the mobilisation of the service, including our referral process. In the meantime, if you would me to come and talk at any of your staff meetings please contact me either via email [pippa.cook@solent.nhs.uk](mailto:pippa.cook@solent.nhs.uk) or via phone on 02380 716686

With best wishes



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