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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

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Dear Colleagues

### **Actions to Reduce Financial Risk**

As you will be aware NHS North Yorkshire and York is facing significant end of year financial pressures. This means we will have to take a series of Board approved actions in order to meet our statutory obligation to break even.

The actions being taken are not taken lightly and the aim of the PCT's Board in making these decisions was to protect local NHS services for the majority.

The actions being taken minimise the effect on patient care but allow us to make in year savings wherever possible.

The actions include:

- For the remainder of financial year a number of procedures/services currently carried out in some primary care settings will be suspended and the activity referred to secondary care providers as appropriate.
- IVF procedures will be halted for the final quarter of the financial year - current waiting lists will be honoured. No new patients will be added however in exceptional circumstances treatment may be considered.
- Suspending a small number of other services such as the Chronic Fatigue clinic – details of how to manage these patients is attached.
- Reducing the amount of money paid to voluntary sector organisations in the final quarter of the financial year by £150,000. It is hoped this will bring us back towards our voluntary sector annual budget which is currently over budget.



- A number of corporate measures, for example, ensuring minimum agency spend and reduction in corporate buildings costs. As you know we are also consulting on a new management structure which includes redundancies of up to 60 staff.

It is important to stress that there is no blanket ban on procedures, GPs will still refer patients as normal and our Individual Funding Request panel will provide a vehicle for clinicians to apply for certain treatments and devices, as it always has done. All urgent cases will continue to be treated in the usual way and expedited at the discretion of clinicians.

I fully appreciate that the decisions we have taken will cause some concern. However we have a duty to secure NHS healthcare for 800,000 residents and we take that responsibility seriously. This means making hard decisions to protect services for the majority. These decisions will be reviewed at the end of this financial year.

If you require more information or wish to discuss this matter in more detail please contact me directly on the number above or via email at [Jayne.Brown@nyypct.nhs.uk](mailto:Jayne.Brown@nyypct.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely

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