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Dear Colleagues

I am writing to inform you that Dr Simon Freeman, the Accountable Officer for Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), has today announced his plans to retire from the NHS.

I know it has always been Simon's intention to take early retirement and I am grateful he extended his tenure to help establish a new management team and support the CCG turning around its challenging financial position. He has also played a major role in helping to secure the largest investment in the history of Shropshire's NHS with £312M for Future Fit.

Originally, Simon only joined the CCG on a twelve month secondment and he has now been in the post of Accountable Officer for two-and-a-half years.

I fully understand Simon's decision is a personal one as his wife has already retired and he wishes to enjoy home life in Leicestershire. To ensure we have continuity and stability, Simon will be working a full six month notice period and his last day with the CCG will be on 31st March, 2019.

We are now in discussions with NHS England on the next steps going forward and will keep you informed of any developments.

I would just like to pay tribute to Simon for his hard work and dedication and especially his commitment to improving outcomes for patients while managing financial turnaround which has seen him as a driving force for change through the CCG.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



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