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Dear Stakeholder

Intention for provider of Somerset integrated urgent care service to join forces with HUC

As you will be aware, Somerset's integrated urgent care service [IUCS] is provided by Devon Doctors Ltd via its subsidiary Meddcare Somerset.

As of the end of this month, HUC [Herts Urgent Care] is set to assume ownership of Devon Doctors Ltd and will, therefore, oversee the operation of Meddcare and, in turn, Somerset's IUCS. Under this arrangement, Devon Doctors Ltd will come under the wing of a like-minded provider of integrated urgent care services, which shares our long-standing commitment to operating as a not-for-profit organisation, as well as our passion for high-quality patient care, supported by robust, shared services.

As a fellow social enterprise, HUC is intent on operating Devon Doctors Ltd services with local staff, whilst retaining as many employees as possible, thereby heightening the organisation's resilience and sustainability and ensuring the viability of all our contracts. Furthermore, for the foreseeable future the service will continue to operate as it has done since 2019 and those who have cause to use, or work with, it should discern no significant difference.

This initiative has already been endorsed by our members [the practices of Devon] and, subject to appropriate due diligence, has the support of our commissioners and key stakeholders in Devon and Somerset. Indeed, the legal technicalities necessary to progress the transfer of ownership are well under way.

We have always been grateful for the backing of our stakeholders and your ongoing support as we progress into this new chapter for Devon Doctors Ltd and HUC would be very much welcomed. While my role as chief executive officer of Devon Doctors Group will come to an end on October 1, I will be leaving the organisation in safe hands and am sure it will thrive and prosper under the stewardship of HUC.

In the meantime, if you have any questions arising from this news, please do not hesitate to email <u>ddooh</u>. <u>collaboration@nhs.net</u> and I will ensure we get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Dr Justin GeddesChief Executive Officer

Signed for and on behalf of Devon Doctors Ltd

