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Dear Colleague

**'Seizing the Future' Supper Evenings – Developing the Strategic Direction of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust**

We are writing to invite you to an important event to be held from 7.30 to 9.30 pm on Tuesday 5 February 2008 in Hollies Meeting Room 1, Lower Ground Floor, Darlington Memorial Hospital.

Stephen Eames' arrival at the trust in late November provides an opportunity for us all to take stock of the tremendous progress the Trust has made in recent years and to consider how to build on this success in order to meet the tough challenges ahead. Over the forthcoming period we want to create as many opportunities as possible to listen to the views of all of our staff and other major stakeholders. We are particularly keen to listen to and involve clinical colleagues in this process so that our strategic direction and any decisions that the Foundation Trust might take about the future shape of services and/or use of sites is fully informed and influenced by your views.

We should be in no doubt that County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust is facing major challenges now and in the future. These include:-

- **the impact of Lord Darzi's review with its emphasis on personal, safer and effective care for patients**
- **the continued impact of patient choice, payment by results, primary care based commissioning and the increasingly competitive provider market in acute and specialist services**

- **the increasing demands from commissioners and patients for greater access to diagnostic and treatment services in community settings.**
- **the ongoing development of clinical networks for specialist clinical services**
- **the constant pressure to increase quality, improve efficiency and reduce costs**

With the above in mind we believe that we urgently need to develop a compelling clinical vision to guide our future development and to underpin this vision with a plan that shows how we will :-

- **continue to achieve clinical excellence and deliver high quality clinical outcomes that match the best nationally and internationally.**
- **organise health services across County Durham and Darlington in order to meet the needs of tomorrow's patients**
- **sustain the long term clinical and financial viability of our services.**

At the same time we need to continue to strengthen our position in the local market, and beyond, seek beneficial partnerships and strategic alliances, and maximise the opportunities afforded to us by FT status. We hope that you will agree that this is an exciting and challenging agenda.

This event is one of four that we are organising each of which is aimed at clustering together key Consultant staff from the main clinical care streams provided by the Trust i.e. Emergency Care, Planned Care, Women & Children's services and Diagnostic services. The outcomes from these events will be fed into a much wider process which is still under development. We will communicate more details about this in due course.

In preparing for the evening's discussion we would be grateful if you could give some thought to the key issues that you want to raise in relation to the development of the Foundation Trust so that your views can influence the creation of a common vision for the future.

We would urge you would to make every effort to attend on the 5 February and we would be grateful if you would confirm your attendance **to Kaye Shore on direct line 01325 74 3757 or by e-mail to [kaye.shore@cddft.nhs.uk](mailto:kaye.shore@cddft.nhs.uk) by Monday 17 December.**

Yours sincerely

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**Tony Waites**  
Chairman

**Stephen Eames**  
Chief Executive (Designate)

Enclosure

**Supper evening – Emergency Care (12)  
Group 1**

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## **Planned Care (12)**

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## **Women and Children (11) Group 3**

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## **Diagnostics (12) Group 4**

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**Confirmed dates for Supper evenings (7.30 pm – 9.30 pm) involving Chairman, Chief Executive, Medical Director and Consultants**

	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>CE</b>	<b>Medical Director</b>
Group 1 Monday 10.12.07 Hollies Meeting Room 1, Lower Ground Floor, DMH	✓	✓	✓
Group 2 Wednesday 9.1.08 Restaurant, BAGH (enter via main entrance at front of building, first door on left)	✓	✓	✓
Group 3 Tuesday 22.1.08 Restaurant, UHND	✓	✓	✓
Group 4 Tuesday 5.2.08 Hollies Meeting Room 1, Lower Ground Floor, DMH	✓	✓	✓