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Dear Member

**HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - FRIDAY, 26 MARCH 2010**

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next Friday, 26 March 2010 meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

**Agenda No    Item**

6.     Update on Referral to the Secretary of State for Health (Pages 1 - 2)

Yours sincerely



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From the Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP  
Secretary of State for Health



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24 MAR 2010

Dear Mr Horne,

**REFERRAL BY KENT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (CHANGES TO WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES AT MAIDSTONE AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS NHS TRUST)**

Thank you for your letter of 24 February 2010 in which you refer proposals for changes to women's and children's services at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

I am today writing to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) asking them to undertake an initial review on your referral. Should the IRP advise that a full review is necessary, you will have the chance to present your case to them in full.

I have asked the IRP to report to me no later than 7 May 2010.

I am copying this letter to Dr Peter Barrett, Chair of the IRP and to Candy Morris, Chief Executive of NHS South East Coast.

Finally, I would be grateful if you could forward me a final copy of the minutes from your task and finish group of 19 February 2010 in order to put your referral into context.

Yours sincerely,  
Andy Burnham

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