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Dear Cllr Chauhan,

Contribution to Oldham's Integrated Health & Care System

We recently met as the new Oldham Integrated Care Partnership Board. During this meeting it was unanimously agreed that we should formally write to you to place on record our thanks for all you have done, achieved and no doubt will continue to champion from a different position for our residents and patients.

Up until the point of your investiture into the office of the Deputy Mayor of Oldham you had held the position of Cabinet Member for Health and Care and overseen a great many achievements in that time. There are far too many achievements to recall in this letter from your long career as Cabinet Member for health and then health and care. However, we did wish to highlight some of those which have been significant in helping us get to the point we have in our journey towards integrated working.

During our recent meeting we reflected on a number of key highlights. In particular, the Board wished to place on record its thanks to you for:

- Championing and driving our efforts to become the first borough to vaccinate homeless people. Your determination to do so in the end proved a turning point and we have no doubt shifted the debate nationally and achieved an eventual change in policy.
- Having the foresight to encourage the system to move quickly in establishing a new 'locality board' some six months ahead of some other places within Greater Manchester. This has enabled us to move forward at a quicker pace than some of those other areas.
- Pushing the system to achieve even greater levels of vaccination engagement with the variety and diversity of cultures and communities across all of Oldham at the forefront of our strategy. Doing so helped us to ensure our testing rates have been high and our vaccination cases have been reduced to the lowest levels imaginable.



- Encouraging us to ensure we have a model of clinical leadership in place and ready for 1 July 2022 as the new ways of working went live.
- Holding the system to account on progress of the development of the new reforms, such that Oldham was as ready to operate as needed from the first day of the new ICS going live.
- Championing the cause with colleagues across Greater Manchester to ensure a fair settlement for Oldham as part of these new arrangements.
- Driving officers and others to bring forward a new model of a more joined up delivery collaborative for children's services, which has seen the execution of a new approach to 0-19 services within Oldham.

It was recognised within the meeting that Oldham had progressed to this point at the pace it has with the focus it needed in large part because of your dedication, commitment and leadership. We are sure that all the residents of Oldham owe a debt of gratitude to the role you have played.

Yours sincerely,

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