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Dear Participant

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**Consultation on the New Model of Speech and Language Therapy Provision
for Children and Young People in Buckinghamshire.**

A new model for speech and language therapy provision has been devised focused around meeting the needs of children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) (including eating and drinking) in Buckinghamshire. This model has been developed around the children and young people's trust vision and priorities and in particular links into the 'early intervention and prevention approach' which forms a key part of the children and young people's plan.

This consultation document has been prepared following the collation of information and feedback received from workshops, meetings with current speech and language therapy providers and professionals working in education, social care and children and young people's services. The new model for speech and language therapy provision for children and young people marks a bold step change for Buckinghamshire. The service will be fully integrated across health, education and social care and focused around meeting the SLCN of all children and young people.

In order to achieve this change we require your input and feedback to ensure we are successful in commissioning and delivering this new model and have fully considered all views from parents/carers, children and young people, schools, GPs, Early Years Settings, other professionals and interested parties.

This consultation will take place from 24th February – 29th March 2010.

The closing date for responses is 5pm on Monday 29th March 2010.

The final report on the consultation will be made available in April 2010. This will then inform the final service details to be included in the specification for the joint commissioning of the speech and language therapy service.

Details of how to contact us with your opinions and how to be involved in the consultation is given below:

The consultation is available to access online at: www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Alternatively, if you require a hard copy please contact Sue Butt, Children & Young People's Commissioner (Pooled Budgets Manager), on tel. 01494 552229.

We look forward to hearing your views.

Yours Sincerely,



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