



Humber and North Yorkshire
Health and Care Partnership



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Sent by email: Frank Hester OBE

Private and confidential

To Mr Hester OBE.

Alleged remarks reported in the Guardian newspaper

We are writing to you on behalf of the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership to express our profound disappointment at remarks you allegedly made about the Rt Hon Ms Diane Abbott MP.

Notwithstanding [your statement on X](#), the comments attributed to you in the article in the Guardian newspaper were in our view, racist, misogynistic and wrong.

We hope you have had the chance to reflect on those alleged remarks and why they are considered so offensive and hurtful to a large number of people.

More than 200,000 health and care staff from a wide range of diverse backgrounds work across Humber and North Yorkshire. Many will use healthcare technology developed by TPP and will be upset and angry by the discriminatory comments you are alleged to have made.

In our Partnership, we promote a fully inclusive working environment. We proudly celebrate our rich diversity within our workforce. And we expect our suppliers and providers to uphold the same values.

We are sure you'll agree there is no place for racism or discrimination of any kind in our NHS, health and care system or society at large.

Sue Symington
Chair

Stephen Eames CBE
Chief Executive