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Dear Stephanie and David-Christopher,

Thank you for your letter dated May 15, 2017 about your 'Discussion Document: Emsworth Healthcare Futures'. I'm sorry for the delay in replying but understand that Lisa Medway and Elizabeth Kerwood from the CCG attended your recent Emsworth Forum meeting and discussed elements of the document with you.

Firstly please can I thank you for the document. It is very detailed and you have obviously taken time to understand the local issues and consider how these may be addressed through your 20 strategic objectives/aspirations.

We are working on a number of these areas already, particularly through our work with local GPs and community services on the development of the Multi-speciality Community Provider which aims to ensure local people can access health and social care in their community so they get the care they need at the right time, in the right place, by the right person.

There are four key elements to this work:

- **Improving access to care:** So it's easier for people to get a same-day or urgent appointment at their GP surgery, and so people with complex health problems get more input from their GP
- **Joining up the professionals that support the same people:** So doctors, nurses, social and voluntary sector workers and volunteers are part of the same extended team, making care more straightforward (especially for people with complex needs)
- **Bringing specialist care nearer to you:** So you can see the professional you need, sooner: For example physiotherapists and mental health workers in your local GP surgery
- **Concentrating on prevention:** So we can support you earlier, and help you make the right choices about your health and wellbeing, so you can stay independent and don't need to go to hospital.

There is further information about the Multi-speciality Community Provider on a dedicated website – www.betterlocalcare.ork.uk which you may find useful. I am also happy to come and meet with you with colleagues to discuss this work further if that would be helpful.

A key factor to take into account is ensuring we provide services that are sustainable in the future and provide the best outcomes for local people. We know that to achieve this some services will need to be provided across a wider geographical area, for example diagnostics, and work is underway to understand how this needs to be done and how we use our estate in the most effective way to do this. For Havant, Emsworth and the surrounding areas where it makes sense to offer services across a wider geography we will be looking to develop an expanded range of services at Oak Park Community Clinic. We are also looking at how we can provide services from our GP practices, for example direct access physiotherapy and mental health.

I understand that one of the Forum's concerns is people's ability to travel, particularly by public transport, to Havant. We know from local people that many are prepared to travel but also recognise that this can be difficult for some. We have close working relationships with the voluntary sector and know there are a range of transport services available but would look to see how these could be increased if needed.

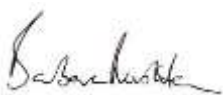
With regards to the future of Emsworth Surgery, I know the practice has written to you about their plans to pursue the Redlands Grange option further. Whilst I understand you are disappointed in this I did see in your discussion document that you recommended that any replacement building needed to be future proofed and able to adapt to future needs. We would expect this to be the case in any new developments and will be seeking assurance from the practice on this.

The practice is currently developing plans to seek the views of its patients and key stakeholders so these can be taken into account. We have asked them to ensure you are included in this work and I will ensure you are kept updated on these plans.

I know Lisa and Elizabeth explained that we will continue to retain Emsworth Victoria Cottage Hospital until the practice has developed clear plans for the future which have been approved by the CCG. Once this stage has been reached, we will instruct NHS Property Services, the owner of the hospital, that we no longer require the site for health care and that it is surplus to requirements. We would be happy to introduce you to the lead at NHS Property Services to enable you discuss your views on the future use of the site and how these could potentially be taken into consideration.

I would be happy to discuss your document with you further if this would be helpful.

Yours sincerely



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