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Dear Russell, Jeffrey and Andrew

Subject: Croydon Health Services' response to the Improving Healthcare Together Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Improving Healthcare Together consultation on the future of services provided by Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust. Croydon Health Services warmly welcome the recent confirmation by government of funding for this programme, which will represent a significant and necessary investment in health and care for South West London. We have also been pleased to have the opportunity to be involved in the programme as a neighbouring provider of services, and in particular our input into the integrated impact assessment.

We have carefully considered the consultation document at Trust Board and have agreed a response to the relevant questions, namely questions one and two, as follows:

Question 1) Model of Care

Croydon Health Services accept the analysis within the pre-consultation business case and consultation document, that the proposed model of care is a good solution to addressing the challenges faced by Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust.

Question 2) The location of the specialist emergency hospital

Croydon Health Services has welcomed the opportunity to be involved in the development of the business case and the integrated impact assessment. We concur with the consultation document that all three options for the location of the specialist emergency hospital are manageable in terms of additional demand pressures, with the Sutton option posing the least challenge and the Epsom option the most. Croydon Health Services is content any financial impact of either option has been incorporated into the financial analysis, and therefore, places equal preference on the three options proposed.

Finally, we were pleased to see the depth of analysis within the Deprivation Impact Assessment given the needs of certain communities within the combined geographies. We are supportive of the service model and encourage the Improving Health Together programme to continue its focus on developing high quality local services for people within the combined geographies.

Yours sincerely



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