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Dear Sarah,

RE: Improving Healthcare Together 2020-2030 (IHT) Programme

Having consulted with Members in my Administration, please find below a summary of the Council's response to the Improving Healthcare Together 2020 -2030 (IHT) Programme proposals;

1. An on-going commitment to limit any "adversely impacted" communities, especially those residents with long-term acute health conditions, those in the more deprived communities and those in Surrey Downs (predominantly over 65s).
2. A commitment to on-going stakeholder engagement, building on the work of the formal consultation and beyond, with special emphasis on ensuring travel times concerns are adequately addressed and risks mitigated. This includes introducing a shuttle bus style system, operating between the 3 hospital sites (Epsom, St. Helier and the proposed new acute hospital site at Sutton), and for this to be available 7 days a week, and be accessible to the disabled.
3. With the exception of births, to ensure a commitment for midwifery care and support, postnatal and antenatal care to remain long-term at both Epsom and St. Helier hospitals.
4. To ensure a commitment for the South West London Elective Orthopaedic Centre (SWLEOC) to remain long-term at Epsom, and for the Centre of Excellence status to be preserved in perpetuity.
5. To ensure an adequate number of emergency ambulances are available 24/7 at both Epsom and St. Helier Hospitals.
6. To ensure an adequate number of Consultants and specialist emergency clinicians are available 24/7 at both Epsom and St. Helier Urgent Treatment Centres (UTCs).

I hope this is helpful.

Best regards

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