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Dear consultation officers,

Reconfiguration of hospital services at Epsom, St. Helier and Sutton

We are writing to you as the Waddon ward councillors in response to the consultation on the proposed reconfiguration of Epsom, St. Helier and Sutton hospital services.

Representing a ward on the western border of the London Borough of Croydon we have an especial interest in changes in services in the neighbouring health authority. We take particular note of impacts upon Croydon University Hospital MayDay of the three options under consideration.

We take the view that the challenge provided by COVID-19 will continue over an extended period and that the challenge has highlighted just how low beds per population provision is in the capital by comparison to other world cities. Thus, we believe that the proposed investments in health care need adjusting to provide a significant uplift in bed numbers.

We are also concerned that if Epsom is chosen as the option for concentration of various services leading to acute care that a significant uplift in bed provision at Croydon University Hospital MayDay must be provided to serve the needs both of Croydon residents and those residents in Carshalton, Wallington and Beddington who will see Croydon University Hospital MayDay as their first choice hospital based on relative proximity.

Yours faithfully,

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