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Dear Chair

## **PORTSMOUTH DENTAL SERVICE PROCUREMENT – UPDATE TO PORTSMOUTH HOSP**

Further to our letter of 1 September 2020, we would like to provide an update on the procurement of NHS dental services in Portsmouth.

As previously advised, the original contract commencement date was paused due to COVID-19 restrictions which impacted on the completion of the procurement process. As you know we have been working with the preferred bidders in the two areas in Portsmouth to mobilise the contracts at the earliest possible date.

We have now carried out additional due diligence and can confirm the Portsmouth South lot was awarded to Smile Dental Care Ltd on 29 October 2020. The premises at 2 Hanway Road, Portsmouth, PO1 4ND will not require D1 planning consent as the building is already being used as a medical practice.

The successful bidder anticipates that building refurbishment will commence during November 2020 and complete early March 2021. Recruitment of the dental practice staff should complete during February 2021. Providing that the CQC are able to carry out a practice inspection as soon as the refurbishment is complete, it is anticipated that the practice will open on 1 April 2021. Whilst this may seem a lengthy time for refurbishment to take place, it is necessary to ensure that contractors and associated staff involved in the refurbishment are working within strict COVID-19 guidance and social distancing measures; it is not anticipated the current lockdown will impact on the refurbishment due to the guidance the contractors are following. However, we would point out at this time that if there are further lockdowns or key personnel are unwell, or must self-isolate, this position may change.



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Regarding the Portsmouth North procurement, this is currently in the standstill period which is due to complete at midnight on 9 November. Providing there have been no objections, we will issue the formal contract award on 10 November. We will then be able to provide HOSP with a further update for the meeting on 19 November.

Yours sincerely

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