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Cllr John Ferrett (HOSP Chair)
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Dear Cllr Ferrett

Re: Options appraisal paper for Guildhall Walk Healthcare Centre

I am enclosing with this letter an options appraisal paper for Guildhall Walk Healthcare Centre for consideration at the next Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting on Friday 18th September.

It formally sets out our proposals for the next steps in the work that we are doing to consider the future of health care services provided at the centre and, as well as sharing this with HOSP members, we will also be presenting the paper to the CCG Governing Board on Wednesday 23rd September.

Given the substantial size of this document, as well as the complexity of the content, we will, of course, be happy to take members through the key elements at the meeting if you wish us to. The size of the document reflects our intention to ensure that we have fully captured the work that we have done in developing these proposals, the feedback we have received from our engagement activity to date and our initial responses to some of the main concerns that have arisen through the engagement process. The paper does contain a number of appendices related to this which will be forwarded separately given their size.

You will see that the paper makes a formal recommendation on our preferred proposal at this stage, and also makes clear that our intention, subject to approval from the Panel, would be to now proceed to formal consultation on this proposal.

We are very keen to seek views from Panel members on the length and nature of the formal consultation period, particularly in the light of the engagement work we have done to date. We would also seek your guidance as to how you would like us to proceed in terms of formally consulting with the Panel on this proposal so that, as a key stakeholder, you are able to formally put forward your view at the appropriate time.

No doubt these are issues that will be discussed at the meeting on the 18th September.

In the meantime please do let me know if anything is unclear or whether there is any further information that you require.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Innes Richens', written over a horizontal line.

Innes Richens
Chief Operating Officer
NHS Portsmouth CCG