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Dear David

We are writing to you following the meeting of the Joint HOSC in December and the media reporting on the increased costs of the Hospital Reconfiguration. Members of the Joint HOSC have identified questions they would like to ask on this and on the Pain Management Service and Midwifery Services.

Please could you arrange for responses to the following questions:

Hospital Reconfiguration

Please clarify the services and infrastructure that are included within your definition of the “clinical model”, and what will be excluded?

Please explain how the clinical model will be realised within the £312m budget?

Is there anything that will be left out of the capital plan to bring the project within the £312m? If there is, what will the impact be of doing this on the original scope of the Hospital Reconfiguration plans?

What is the cost of meeting these needs and how will that be met?

What is the value and volume of the maintenance backlogs at RSH and PRH and where will these costs be met from? What are the plans to deliver these and are they included in the budget for the Hospital Reconfiguration?

What does the phasing of works include and what are the impacts and implications of using phasing? For example, if work is scheduled in later phases is there a risk that this work will not be completed if funding comes under pressure?

Please can the Committee receive the Strategic Outline Case at least 5 full working days before their meeting in February to enable them to formulate further questions arising from that document, or if this is not possible please can you give a date by which the JHOSC could receive it?

Pain Management Service

Following previous consideration of the changes to the Pain Management Service the Committee would also like to receive confirmation of progress in the delivery of the changes and what the impact has been. In particular:

Have all patients been discharged from the service previously based at RJAH to the Pain Management Service?

Are there any patients struggling to cope with the new regime and how are they being supported?

Maternity Services

Are the CCG, as the commissioner of the Maternity services, assured that women and babies who are currently using local maternity services provided by SaTH are not being harmed or at risk of being harmed?

Please can you describe the assurance processes that the CCG rely on and explain the mechanisms that you use to monitor and measure this?

We would like to thank you in advance for providing responses to our questions. Once we have received them and considered them, we may wish to invite you or the relevant representative of your organisation to a future meeting of the JHOSC where we would like to ask further questions.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of Joint HOSC



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