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Dear Richard

I am writing in response to Cllr Virgo's supplementary questions on the Bracknell HealthSpace.

The project plan approved by the NHS Berkshire Cluster Board in June is attached for your information.

In respect of the recommendation 4.3 e), that NHS BE should give more attention to evidencing clearly and publicly how the NHS locally is to achieve substantial cost savings through re-configuring health services; It is important to recognise that most of the cost savings which will be realised in the coming years will be achieved without the need to re-configure services. These will be delivered through our QIPP programme (which is the subject of regular reports in public Board meetings) and through reductions in management costs, such as the £2.6m which will be realised through the Clustering of the Berkshire PCTs. However it is recognised that the savings required are significant and will require some changes to the way local NHS Foundation Trusts deliver services.

Two of our local Trusts, Berkshire HealthCare NHS Foundation Trust and Heatherwood and Wexham Park Foundation Trust anticipate making some changes in the future and we are working closely with them to ensure all stakeholders, patients and the public are fully engaged in these. The Berkshire HealthCare NHS FT consultation on 'Next Generation Care' consultation on the future of in-patient mental health provision, is one with which you will already be familiar. The PCT is currently working with HWPH FT on proposals for some changes to the configuration of services to ensure they are clinically sound, offer good patient experience and remain economically viable into the future. As soon as these proposals are available

(this Autumn) we will work with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in the East of Berkshire to inform and engage local people about them.

Some of the new services planned for the HealthSpace will of course complement these changes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Waddicor." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Charles Waddicor
Chief Executive
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