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Dear Councillor Elly Cutkelvin,

## **New CAMHS Inpatient Unit – Letter of Support**

In 2015, the Trust had to relocate its 10 bed child and adolescent mental health (CAMHS) inpatient facility on a temporary basis, from the old Towers Hospital site in Leicester to Coalville Community Hospital. Patients, carers, stakeholders and staff felt that this temporary arrangement was inadequate and inappropriate from the outset and finding a permanent relocation has been one of the actions within the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland sustainability and transformation plan.

In 2017, the Department of Health announced that Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) had been successful in securing an £8.0 million capital grant for a new 15-bed combined CAMHS and Eating Disorder inpatient unit on the Glenfield Hospital site in Leicester.

The national Five Year Forward View for Mental Health states that inappropriate placements to inpatient beds for children and young people will be eliminated, including both placements to inappropriate settings and to inappropriate locations far from the family home (out of area treatments) by March 2021. The expansion and permanent location of the local CAMHS inpatient unit will mean most of the young patients locally will no longer be placed out of area for inpatient care.

Since the award of funding, LPT has been working with its construction partner to design the new unit on the Glenfield Hospital site and to secure planning permission from Blaby District Council. We are now preparing the full business case, which has to be sent to the Department of Health for final approval before construction begins. This will run through to February 2020 and the service will relocate in March 2020.

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As part of that business case, we are required under national guidance to include a letter of support from the local Health Overview & Scrutiny Committees and write to ask that you provide this to our project director David Bell (at david.bell@leicspart.nhs.uk). There has been extensive service user and carer engagement in the past, with full support for having the unit centrally located. Given that the permanent relocation from the Towers Hospital site to the Glenfield Hospital site is just 4 miles, it would be very helpful if your letter could confirm that this is not a substantial development or variation in the service.

If you need any assistance with the letter, please do not hesitate to contact David in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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