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VIA EMAIL Amanda Jupp,
Cabinet Member for Adults & Health

Dear Mrs Jupp,

Commissioning additional community capacity to support hospital discharge during the Covid-19 pandemic

I am writing to seek your agreement to an officer authorising the above matter that requires an urgent decision and I enclose a copy of a report.

The decision is urgent due to the need to put contractual and practical arrangements and joint processes in place quickly in response to pressing needs across the care and health systems. Sussex resilience forum has declared a major incident due to the current impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on local systems and their capacity to manage demand. Pressures on acute and community hospitals are intense and to support this the Council has been working in partnership with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to manage access to community provision both via the Homefirst (care at home) model and referral and admission to care homes. The current need for services is at an unprecedented level and the Council is seeking to urgently respond to this by creating additional community capacity through a 'Care Hotel' model.

If you agree with an officer authorising the above recommendation, I should be grateful if you would kindly endorse this letter and return it to me. A copy of this letter has also been sent to the Chairman of the Adults and Health Social Care Select Committee as required under Standing Order 5.23(b) (Part 4, Section 5, of the County Council's constitution).

The decision will be published via modern.gov and reported through the Members' Information Service in the usual way.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tony Kershaw'.

Tony Kershaw
Director of Law and Assurance

Agreed

Keith Hinkley
Executive Director Adults and Health
25 January 2021

Cabinet Member for Adults & Health
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Action Authorised

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