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Mr Bryan Turner
Chairman of the Health and Adults
Social Care Scrutiny Committee
VIA EMAIL

Dear Mr Turner,

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

I am writing to advise you of a proposed urgent action that I have sent to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health and which is enclosed. As this is an Executive Decision, consultation with you as Chairman of the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Committee is necessary as the call-in procedure does not apply to urgent actions.

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 the rationale for the use of urgent action to enable the decision to be taken, I should be grateful if you would kindly agree to endorse this letter as Chairman of the Select Committee under Standing Order 5.23 (b) (Part 4, Section 5, of the County Council's constitution).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Kershaw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

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