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Bryan Turner  
Chairman  
Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee  
West Sussex County Council  
County Hall  
West Street  
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Dear Bryan

Thank you for your letter of 27 March regarding Radiotherapy Services in March. Your letter states infers that the Trust is unwilling to put forward a business case to our Commissioners for the provision of Radiotherapy on the St. Richard's site, which is inaccurate. The Trust has long supported the provision of Radiotherapy services in Chichester to better serve the local population. We worked closely with the Surrey and Sussex Cancer Alliance in their review and supported the conclusion that across the Alliance area that St. Richard's Hospital site would best address the current issues of access to services.

However, NHS England have been clear to the Trust that they would not support BSUH (as a tertiary cancer centre) building a Radiotherapy Unit on the Chichester site, as the other Cancer services for this area are provided by Portsmouth Hospitals, and they would only support a single tertiary provider across all Cancer services. As a result of this steer from our commissioners, the Trust is reviewing the provision of its Cancer services across Worthing and Chichester sites, as part of its Clinical Strategy review, to determine whether there is a better configuration for Cancer services across the whole Trust.

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Should this review result in a single tertiary Provider of Cancer services serving both the Chichester and the Worthing populations, then we would be in a position to submit a business case for the provision of Radiotherapy services in Chichester that would fulfil NHS England's criteria.

I hope this clarifies matters and addresses the issues raised in your letter.

Yours sincerely

Dame Marianne Griffiths DBE  
Chief Executive

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