



FAO Cllr Garry Wall

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Dear Cllr Wall,

Thank you for your email setting out the recommendations of the 26 November 2021 Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, where we discussed the West Sussex Stroke Programme.

Firstly, I want to thank the Committee for the very helpful and supportive discussion we had in relation to the West Sussex Stroke programme. This is an important transformation programme for the population of West Sussex, in particular those who reside in the coastal area, and will ensure that we can provide a comprehensive stroke pathway which enables the best outcomes for patients in the near future. The comments and questions from members were very insightful and the encouragement we received for the programme was very much welcomed.

I believe the BCF reference was the ask to update the committee on the outcome of the plan to allocate BCF funding to providing a Life after Stroke and six month review service. I am pleased to advise that the BCF spending plan was recently agreed and we are therefore hoping to commission Stroke Association to provide this. It is hoped these services will be mobilised during March 2022, once recruitment and a number of contractual processes have concluded.

We will plan to come back to the Committee 7 March 2022 to update on progress. It is important to note we would have seen the Clinical Senate on the 2 March 2022 and therefore by the 7th we would not have had their formal feedback, but if agreeable to you, I will discuss with your officers what would be useful to share.

Given the size of the documents, we will separately send the two reports which we offered to share through the Committee officers:

- Report of the findings from the Engagement Exercise conducted during the summer of 2021
- The Equality Health Impact Assessment

I hope this adequately answers the recommendations made and the reports are positively received.

Yours sincerely,

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