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28 April 2010

Petition: P-03 -280 Cardiff Royal Infirmary

Thank you for your letter of on behalf of the Petitions Committee in respect of the above Petition from Mrs Breen about the closure of Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

I am determined to resolve the issues surrounding the re-development of the Cardiff Royal Infirmary site. I set out my plans for the site on 30 July last year. The demolition of the outdated and unused buildings which is already underway will pave the way for better healthcare services. I believe that Cardiff Royal Infirmary, with its location within the city, is well-placed to provide a range of services for local people.

I also recognise the historical status of CRI and the redevelopment of the site is being planned in collaboration with Cardiff Council and Cadw in order to preserve the special architectural interest associated with some parts of the site.

I approved over £3 million towards the initial phase of the redevelopment, including the demolition of unused, outdated buildings and installing a new heating system which is due for completion later this year. Plans for the wider refurbishment of the site are still being taken forward by the LHB.

I expect to receive further business case documents from the LHB in the near future as a more detailed vision for the site begins to emerge from the strategic plans. The redevelopment and refurbishment of the entire site will take at least five

years to complete. But, when finished, the new facilities will greatly improve the access to healthcare for the people in the South and East of Cardiff; which will in turn relieve pressure on the University Hospital of Wales.

There are no plans in place to put A & E services on the CRI site due to the need for modern, technically complex support facilities which are necessary whenever an A & E Unit is developed. These facilities already exist at the University Hospital of Wales (UHW), Heath Park Cardiff where plans are in place to address the issue of increasing numbers of patients as a separate and distinct stream of work. These plans include the consideration of alternative patient pathways within primary care. Proposals include the General Practitioner led services envisaged for CRI. I explained these reasons to Mr & Mrs Breen in my letter dated 19 November 2009.

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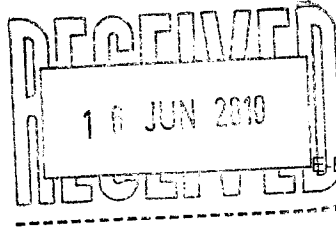
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14 June 2010

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Thank you for your letter of 28 May on behalf of the Petitions Committee asking for an update on Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

Last year I approved over £3 million towards initial enabling activity on the site. This involved the demolition of a number of buildings of poor quality and those which disfigure the heritage core of the site. In addition, the work created a new energy centre which will provide the infrastructure support that the broader development of the site will require.

I have also recently received a further case requesting support to undertake conservation works on the remaining buildings at CRI. This proposal will conserve the remaining buildings and enable them to play a full part in the redevelopment of the site, and I expect to reach a decision on the request in the immediate future

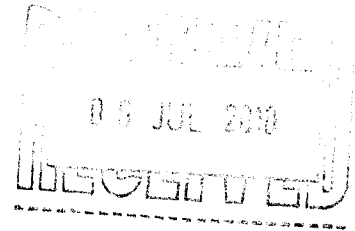
Plans for the wider refurbishment of the site are still being taken forward by the LHB and further business cases are expected, some within very short timescales ie weeks, as a more detailed vision for the site begins to emerge from the strategic plans.

I have provisionally earmarked more than £30million from my All-Wales capital Programme to support the redevelopment and refurbishment of the entire site, and I expect the multi-phased scheme to take at least five years to complete. However, when the new facilities are finished, they will greatly improve the access to healthcare for the people in the South and East of Cardiff; which will in turn relieve pressure on the University Hospital of Wales.

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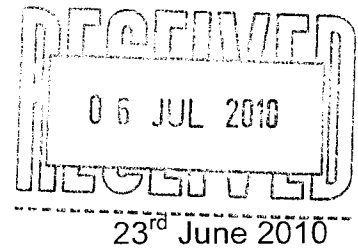
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Our ref: JW/ap/06/240

Dear Ms Chapman

RE: PETITION: P03 280 CARDIFF ROYAL INFIRMARY

Thank you for your recent letter, seeking the view of the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (UHB) in relation to the above petition.

We fully appreciate the overwhelming public support for the redevelopment of the Cardiff Royal Infirmary (CRI). We share the view that the CRI offers a unique opportunity to provide a base for the delivery of high quality health and social care services in the heart of the city it serves. Our plans for the redevelopment do reflect, however, the need for a modern, forward looking model of care and we are determined that the development of a Locality Health and Treatment Centre at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary will signal a new era in the delivery of health services in Cardiff for the people of Cardiff. Based on a model which promotes health and well being, we are determined that the Cardiff Royal Infirmary will provide services which respond to the needs of the local population, helping individuals to maintain their independence and through joint working with key partners, playing a key role in reducing health inequalities.

The communities to be served by the Locality Health and Treatment Centre at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary comprise some of Wales' most deprived communities in Wales. The redevelopment represents a shared commitment with our partners, including Cardiff City Council and the third sector, to respond to the needs of the community.

In developing proposals for future clinical service provision, the UHB has a responsibility to balance the provision of high quality services which meet the needs of local residents with the need to ensure that services are safe, and sustainable into the future. The range of clinical services to be provided from the CRI will also need flexibility to respond to changes in the needs of the local population, the advances in technology and changes in our workforce.

The redevelopment of the CRI is underpinned by the outcome of a major public consultation exercise undertaken in 2005. This concluded that the CRI should be developed as a 'resource centre' to support the populations of Central and Eastern Cardiff. Subsequent engagement with clinicians and stakeholders, leading to the submission of the Strategic Outline Case to the Welsh Assembly Government, has confirmed the proposals agreed as part of that consultation and identified further opportunities for service enhancement. The development of the CRI as a Locality Health and Treatment Centre will enable the delivery of more care in a local setting and will be a centre of excellence for the delivery of integrated health and social care to meet the needs of the complex and growing local population.

Significant progress has already been made to progress the redevelopment. Welsh Assembly Government capital funding has been secured and the enabling and demolition works are nearing completion. A programme of conservation works is now underway

The phased development of clinical services will commence in 2010/11. The first phase will include:

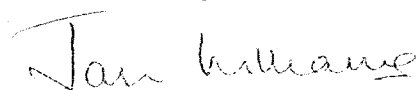
- General Medical Services (to provide GP services for up to 17,000 people);
- Mental Health Services; and
- Outpatients and Diagnostic Services (including Radiology and Phlebotomy)
- The re-location of Integrated Sexual Health services as an enabling scheme.

The wide range of planned services will be supported through the Health and Wellbeing Centre, as set out in Appendix One. In addition we are in the early stages of discussion with Cardiff University to explore opportunities to support medical training and research.

In summary, I can confirm that, in line with the Strategic Outline Case agreed with the Welsh Assembly Government, we are fully committed to the redevelopment of the Cardiff Royal Infirmary as a centre of excellence for modern, community based services which meet the needs of the local population. We are developing strong networks with the local community to inform our planning and will continue to build on these as the work progresses.

I very much hope that this provides a helpful response, but please do not hesitate to contact me or Sue Revell, Programme Director for the CRI Redevelopment should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



JAN WILLIAMS
Chief Executive

Appendix 1

Range of Services: CRI Health and Wellbeing Centre

Core Health & Social Care	Partnership Opportunities/Non Clinical Services
<p>E GMS provision with significant expansion capacity and pharmacy</p> <p>E Comprehensive integrated health and social care services to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Walk in Centre in line with ‘One Wales’ ○ Extended outpatients – to be defined ○ Extended minor surgery under local anaesthetic ○ Community nursing teams, including acute response team/s ○ Targeted services for vulnerable groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asylum seekers service ○ Multi-cultural services ○ Homeless team ○ Integrated elderly care assessment, re-ablement and day hospital ○ Long Term Conditions management services and clinical case management support ○ TB control service ○ Therapies ○ Community Dental Services ○ Palliative care service ○ Musculo-skeletal service ○ Cardiac and pulmonary rehab ○ Integrated sexual health services ○ Sexual Assault Referral Centre ○ Diagnostics services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plain film x-ray ○ Ultrasound (including Doppler) ○ Spirometry ○ Oxygen assessment ○ Electrocardiography ○ Lab services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Near patient testing ○ Basic analytical testing equipment <p>E Community adult mental health team</p> <p>E Community addictions team</p> <p>E Community based children’s services</p>	<p>E Range of supporting facilities such as a café, play area, group education facilities</p> <p>E Patient advice, information and support services</p> <p>E Voluntary sector “village”</p> <p>E Health education centre</p> <p>E Community space</p>



Response from petitioner

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Good Morning

I write further to your e-mail below in which you sought an update on the progress in respect of engagement with the community in the planning of services at the CRI.

Further to our correspondence earlier this year, I am pleased to confirm that we have now received details of the petitioner from your clerking team. We have had previous contact, some 12 months ago, from Mrs Breen in respect of the concerns of her petitioners, and have discussed at some length our proposals for redeveloping the CRI. We will contact her again to update her on progress with the redevelopment since our last discussion with her.

In more general terms, significant work has been undertaken to strengthen existing networks and develop a more public programme of engagement with the local community. We have established a project workstream which is specific to this theme and which is chaired jointly by the Chief Executive of Voluntary Action Cardiff and the Chief Officer of Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Community Health Council.

This group are developing an action plan for engagement with the wider community, and initial priorities include the development of a website and newsletters to share information on plans and progress to date. In addition to representatives from the Health Board, the group also includes membership from the Community Health Council, Voluntary Action Cardiff, Communities First and former staff.

Given the importance of the CRI within the local community, we are also progressing plans to develop a visitors centre on the CRI site. The development of a visitors centre will enable local residents and stakeholders to view the plans and proposals for the Health and Treatment Centre and contribute to the development of the project. In addition there will be opportunity to contribute to a register of memories and photographs reflecting the heritage and history of the CRI. The service and design brief is currently being developed and the UHB is working in partnership with the WRVS, Local Authority, Voluntary Action Cardiff, Communities First and the local Neighbourhood Management Team to finalise this.

I hope that this provides a helpful update. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Sue Revell - Project Manager for the CRI redevelopment.

Regards

Jan Williams

Petitioners response

Petitioners response 21-03-2011

Good Afternoon Rhodri.

We have been in touch with Laing O Rourke and we have seen the plans for the developement of the CRI. However we have been told the plans are presently being amended.

We are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 29th March 10am-11am. where the new plans will be on view.

Regards Mr & Mrs Breen