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Dear Stephanie,

Re: Proposals for a single place of safety in Southwark

Thank you for your letter dated 1st April raising your concerns and questions on the proposal to develop a central place of safety on the Maudsley Hospital site to cover the four boroughs of Southwark, Lewisham, Lambeth and Croydon.

I understand that you and other Southwark elected members were met with and briefed on the proposal on 25th February by the Director of Social Care, Director of Organisation and Community and the Head of Care Pathways in SLaM. At the meeting, the concerns that you have raised about the potential financial risks of the proposal to Southwark Council were noted and a commitment was given to fully addressing these issues in the paper which will be presented to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, scheduled for 26th April. The paper will be submitted to scrutiny panel on 14th April as requested and will cover all the issues you have raised in your letter.

As you know, this proposal is driven solely by a wish to improve the quality of care and support that people can expect in a mental health crisis. We have been actively engaging with key stakeholders, partners, service users, carers and the voluntary sector across all the four boroughs and the engagement is ongoing. The detail of the engagement process, including stakeholder feedback, will also be presented to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

I have asked our Director of Social Care, Cath Gormally, to contact you to discuss your concerns in more detail, prior to the meeting of 26th and to meet again with you and other elected members if that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Matthew Patrick

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Chief Executive