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Dear Mr Kershaw,

I am writing on behalf of Southwark Council's Health, Adult Social Care, Communities & Citizenship Scrutiny Sub-Committee in response to your draft recommendations for the future of South London Healthcare NHS Trust and the NHS in south-east London. I would like to thank you for attending our joint meeting with Lambeth Health Scrutiny last week and answering a number of our questions and concerns in person.

Below I set out our response to your recommendations, these have been agreed unanimously by our cross political party committee. We would like to thank you for highlighting the need of additional capital and revenue funding to make these proposals work, as well as recognising that for these proposals to work the debt of SLHT needs to be written off by the Department of Health and not transferred to any of the local (new or existing) NHS bodies.

Our primary concern during this process has been to ensure the quality of the health care provision received by Southwark's residents does not diminish as a result of your recommendations, and if possible to improve them. As committee chair I will be writing separately to King's Health Partners regarding their work on a proposed merger, the details of which are outlined below in our full response.

Yours sincerely,

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