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Dear Duane,

#### **Outline Business Case - Letter of Support**

Since the commencement of the 3Ts programme, BSMS been fully engaged with the development of the Business Case. The aims and aspirations of this development are closely aligned with our own: both organisations are striving to enhance quality standards and improve our patients' experience through our staff, infrastructure and innovation. We believe that 3Ts is a key component in the clinical developments and improvements we are committed to deliver.

This facility will not only bring the existing buildings up to a standard expected for the delivery of healthcare in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century but will also provide a regional centre for the care and treatment of patients with complex needs. These patients are currently receiving treatment in inappropriate surroundings not designed to provide them with optimum care.

We know that the development will bring both major clinical and academic benefits are particularly pleased by the proposal to develop high quality teaching and research across BSUH. This will improve the research capacity locally, attract high calibre clinicians to work locally and thus reap research and clinical benefits for the entire Region.

A seminar was held recently to draw out the teaching, research and academic dividend of the programme which concluded that there would be enormous potential to develop our academic capacity through the improved infrastructure and facilities within the 3Ts development.

We will continue to work closely with the 3Ts team to ensure that these benefits are realised.

If you require further information do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Jon Cohen