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Dear Matthew

### **Letter of Support to 3Ts FBC**

This letter is in support of the recently updated FBC and can be read alongside the letter sent in support of the OBC from Chris Gurtler to Duncan Selbie dated the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

Since then the CCG has better knowledge of the 3Ts programme and is now able to issue a letter of support. Like the letter supporting the OBC this letter is on behalf of all East Sussex CCGs. That is High Weald Lewes Havens CCG as well as Eastbourne, Hailsham & Seaford CCG and Hastings & Rother CCG.

You will recall that the concerns at OBC stage were: -

- No disruption of DGH services with any changes to services being managed by BSUHT following agreement with commissioners.
- Development of integrated care pathways with equal focus on out of hospital services (community and primary care services).
- Any impact on other providers (good and bad) means that in Sussex providers need to respond as a clinical network, as invariably services will move across sites and organisations. This was subsequently amended (following discussion at the SCCEC on the 5<sup>th</sup> August) to include that BSUHT due to its position and status has the leadership role of this network.
- BSUHT need to maintain the equal focus they currently have on their role as a DGH provider, a Specialist provider and a Tertiary provider.
- The financial consequences of 3Ts need to be contained within BSUHT and not lead to price increases to commissioners.

The updating of the OBC to the current FBC has gone some way to addressing these concerns and again we thank you for organising the stakeholder information sharing event scheduled in October which will reinforce the assurances we have been given.



The actual changes from OBC to FBC have been very modest and apart from clarification of the issues we raised have essentially been about updating the forward projections for the two years that have passed since the OBC was produced.

We have through the Sussex Finance Directors group gained assurance that our joint forward plans are truly joint plans. The financial and activity assumptions in the FBC are aligned with those of your commissioners. Of course in undertaking the comparison the exercise highlighted the areas for further joint work, which are around the better identification of CCG QIPP and BCF schemes to enable you to fully reflect them in your plans.

The level of continued joint working gives us all assurance that the alignment of our plans is not an issue.

Our letter of support covers our current commissioning responsibilities and we are aware of potential changes to the commissioning of elements of Tertiary services, which are in the near future going to become a CCG responsibility. At the time of writing this letter the timing and exact content of this transfer of responsibility is not clear. As part of our assessment of 3Ts meeting our commissioning plans we have worked closely with NHS England to ensure we are also aware of the commissioning plans around this area of activity.

I would like to thank you and your team for the level of engagement to date and look forward to working with you as we move through the FBC to the delivery of what will be an important and exciting development for Brighton and the wider local health economy.

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of : High Weald Lewes Havens CCG as well as Eastbourne Seaford & Hailsham CCG and Hastings & Rother CCG.

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