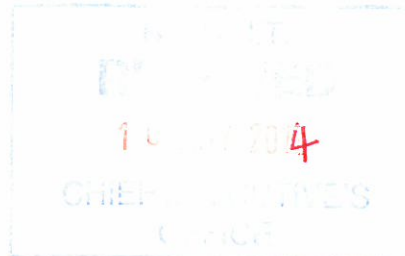




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John Mather,

Thank you for welcoming me to the Royal Sussex Hospital on 1 May 2014, at what was a particularly busy time for you. I was hugely impressed by the hard work, commitment and attitude of everyone I met at the hospital, and particular Chief Nurse Sherree Fagge and her team who do such an important and demanding job for the people of Sussex.

The Royal Sussex is a great hospital, and testament to you and your staff, but as I clearly saw from my visit the buildings and facilities need to be improved. That's why I have given the green light to the £420m redevelopment plan for the hospital to bring the buildings and facilities up to modern standards and enhance and improve patients' care and experience.

Please pass on my thanks to your team for organising the visit, and the 3Ts redevelopment team for talking me through the plans. It's an ambitious project, but one which I am sure will be successful.

By S with,

GEORGE OSBORNE