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R.E. Letter of Support for 3Ts

Dear Duane Passman, 3Ts Programme Director/Senior Responsible Owner,

The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 requires NHS organisations, its subcontractors and providers of NHS-funded care to show that they are resilient enough to deal with incidents and emergencies while ensuring their critical services to patients are maintained. The supporting NHS document, The Emergency Planning, Resilience and Response Framework 2013, reinforces this legal requirement and sets out the core standards for integrated emergency management and business continuity management.

Currently working with very outdated estates and infrastructure means it is extremely hard to achieve a resilient estate. The planning and design of 3Ts will ensure that we are able to reach appropriate levels of resilience against a wide range of emergencies, hazards and threats and their impacts and consequences including resilience to the impacts of climate change and therefore fully comply with this legal requirement under the Civil Contingences Act 2004.

The Health Building Note 00-07, Planning for a resilient healthcare estate, 2014 edition, has also been taken into consideration which supports the Civil Contingency Act 2004 and other statutory guidance such as the Climate Change Act 2008 and Health and Social Care Act 2012.

Requirements for maintaining business continuity has been factored into planning for the 3Ts decant programme, main scheme build and commissioning programme and this will ensure critical services to the public are maintained throughout the programme of works.

Principle risk mitigation strategies for Climatic Risks, Civil unrest and other hazards, Management of Medical Emergencies, Large Scale Emergency Response, Engineering Robustness, IT Infrastructure and communications resilience have been embedded in the 3T's project design.

The building has also been designed to be flexible and adaptable to ensure it is able to provide a high degree of robustness in changing circumstances, and ongoing work is increasing the amount of standardisation of rooms allowing flexible use in case of emergency.

As Head of Resilience, Emergency Planning & Business Continuity I fully endorse the 3Ts project.

Kind regards

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