

**Cllr Jane Hanna OBE**

Chair, Health Overview and  
Scrutiny Committee

**09 January 2023**

Dear OH Colleagues

**Re: Inpatient beds at Wantage Hospital**

First of all, please can I give my sincere thanks on behalf of the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) for your continued engagement on this subject and on the Integrated Improvement Programme.

As discussed at our recent informal meeting, I'm writing to inform you as to the request of the HOSC following a resolution made at its Committee meeting on 24 November 2022.

It was agreed that the Committee requests the completion of the substantial change toolkit from the relevant NHS trusts in relation to the temporarily closed services in Oxfordshire, including the temporarily closed MLUs in Oxfordshire and the bedded units at Wantage Community Hospital. This was with the objective to better understand the status of these services; and will allow members of the Committee to establish whether the service variations constitute a substantial change.

To this effect, please may I request you complete the form appended to this letter by 31 January 2023 at the latest; in respect of the temporarily closed inpatient unit at Wantage Community Hospital.

May I also request a short report, with the purpose of updating as to the status of the temporarily closed unit; and your attendance at the 9 February 2022 HOSC meeting in order to introduce and answer any questions in respect of your report. It is requested that the report includes detailed population needs data; and the inclusion of a proposal for public engagement and consultation.

Please can I also ask you to maintain regular engagement with the Wantage Town Council Health Sub-Committee in respect of this matter.

Yours sincerely



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