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Subject: An update on critical care at the John Radcliffe Hospital

Dear colleague

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH HOSC

I am writing to share some exciting news about a major development in critical care at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

I am delighted to say that our Trust has been successful in our bid for funding a new 48-bed Critical Care Building. Not only will this project increase and improve COVID critical care in the South East, it will also have important longer-term benefits and allow us to address existing issues with capacity across our services and encourage better use of existing clinical space.

Other key benefits include:

- a new, custom-designed critical care building where we can treat patients in an improved clinical environment;
- we can alleviate the pressure on other wards and reduce pre-operative waits;
- improved infection prevention and control;
- it will help us to prepare and provide critical care for patients during future seasonal and epidemic pressures, and also strengthen our plans for any surges in the future.

The building will be adjacent to the Trauma Building and the OxSTaR Centre. There will be five floors (three clinical, one for storage and plant, and one non-clinical), improved storage facilities, a seminar room, a staff room, and additional office space.

The first phase of the project is due for completion in the Spring, with full completion later in the year. The £29m building is supported by Department of Health and Social Care financing, and is part of a longer-term plan to expand and improve facilities at the John Radcliffe Hospital. Oxford Hospitals Charity will also be providing their support.

We hope that you will join us in our support of this significant investment in our hospital and services.

Thank you.

Best regards, Bruno

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