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Cllr Pat West  
Chairman, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
Room 100, Chief Executive's Department  
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Dear Cllr West

You will be aware that NHS Hampshire has been leading a process of engagement and option appraisal following the decision by Southern Health (formerly Hampshire Community Healthcare) to withdraw their nursing service from Odiham Cottage Hospital due to patient safety concerns. We understand the provider had been raising concerns about staffing at the hospital for some time and NHS Hampshire was satisfied that the provider had tried hard to mitigate these risks but this had been unsuccessful. In order to provide further assurance on this decision, Calleva and the Strategic Health Authority are independently reviewing patient safety at the hospital.

During the first stage of this process, GPs in the Hart Practice Based Commissioning Group were actively involved in the process to determine how best to meet the clinical needs of patients in the area. In February 2011, the two Odiham GP practices joined the Calleva GP Clinical Commissioning Group and as such we have become actively involved in discussions since this time.

Calleva GPCC had already been considering how to provide comprehensive services to people with long term conditions and the frail elderly in the Basingstoke area and so the discussions regarding Odiham have dovetailed into with these discussions.

In particular, we have participated in the Option Appraisal exercise and support the development of a "Hybrid" option of the following services:

- Inpatient bed based model with 24/7 rehabilitation
- Reablement
- Home based care from Community matrons/Virtual Wards

We are keen to see how the Hybrid model can provide greater integration and joint provision for patients and would seek to review this alongside a wider menu of services to meet the needs of the general population through to those with complex needs.

I hope this letter is helpful in confirming our support for the Hybrid model of care and we look forward to updating the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on progress with this in due course.

Yours sincerely

**Dr Hugh Freeman**  
**Chair**