

Dear Sir Oliver,

Thank you for your continuing interest in the provision of radiotherapy services to our community.

As you will be aware from our recent discussions, NHSE Specialised Commissioners are currently conducting a strategic review of the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre.

There are three stages to the review:

- 1) Radiotherapy modelling
- 2) Clinical review of existing model and patient pathways
- 3) Operational modelling (including cost review)

The Trust is continuing to highlight to our commissioners the need to improve access to radiotherapy for the communities in North Hertfordshire and Stevenage. The Review Programme Board meets for the second time today and one of the papers considers the potential population flows for various models of radiotherapy location, including radiotherapy at Stevenage, and indeed at Luton, in order to inform longer term planning regarding radiotherapy capacity.

The strategic review is scheduled to conclude in Autumn 2019 with a recommendation of a preferred clinical model(s). Subject to agreement, any options regarding the change in location of service will then need to be tested further with patients and stakeholders via a public consultation, which will be led by Specialised Commissioners.

In parallel, as a Trust we are refreshing last year's bid to ensure we are able to submit a compelling case for STP wave 5 funding for satellite radiotherapy in our area.

Thank you again for your continuing interest.

Best wishes,

Nick Carver | Chief Executive

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