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Dear Cheryl,

I request that the Caversham Patients' Participation Group (PPG) should be allowed to bring a deputation to the Health & Adult Social Care Committee meeting on 9 July for the item Update on St Pancras Hospital Transformation Programme & Plans for St Pancras Hospital Kidney. & Diabetes Centre (SPHKDC).

As the Committee knows, our PPG has been greatly concerned about this issue. Our concern centres on the danger that the site chosen for relocation of the SPHKDC may be the Peckwater Centre, necessitating dispersal (and disruption) of the health and social care services currently located there and depriving Camden of its purpose-built primary care hub. This would drastically reduce the physical space available for primary care in Camden and would run completely contrary to the aims of integrating health and social care services and of reducing health inequalities by enabling those with multiple problems to access all the services they need in one place.

The Labour Party manifesto states 'We will trial Neighbourhood Health Centres bringing together existing services such as family doctors, district nurses, care workers, physiotherapists, palliative care and mental health specialists under one roof'. This is exactly what the Peckwater Centre, with the Caversham GP Practice next door, already provides - with no need for adaptation or further expenditure. To destroy the Peckwater at this time would be absurd.

We therefore consider that in choosing a new site for the SPHKDC, a key criterion should be that it does **not** require the displacement and disruption of existing NHS services; and that in the case of sites which **do** require such displacement, the costs of relocating the displaced services must be taken fully into account in the decision on a site - not brushed aside with a "we'll consider later where to relocate them". We urge the Committee to insist to NCL ICB that an options appraisal lacking these two points will not be valid.

We also consider that those selecting sites for appraisal must have a thorough knowledge of the area and of Camden Council's health and social welfare plans, and its redevelopment plans which will result in substantial population growth within the next 10 years. Any new location must take these demographic changes into account.

Lastly, the choice of a new site must - unlike the last one - be subject to full public consultation. Our Save the Peckwater petition has attracted over 21,000 signatures, which shows the degree of public concern about this.

Many thanks!

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