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Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: South Glasgow University Hospital and Royal Hospital for Sick Children**

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board have been implementing an Acute Services Strategy which was approved by the Scottish Parliament in September 2002 and has led to a complete transformation of hospital services for the population that we serve.

We have seen the opening in 2008 of the West of Scotland Beatson Cancer Centre on the Gartnavel Hospital site and the opening in 2009 of two new £120m Ambulatory Care Hospitals at Stobhill Hospital, Springburn and Victoria Hospital, Mount Florida, Glasgow.

The final piece of the jigsaw has been the development of an £842m publicly funded new Adult Hospital and separate Children's Hospital, both on the site of the current Southern General Hospital and will lead to the transfer of services from the existing Southern General, Western Infirmary, Victoria Infirmary, Royal Hospital for Sick Children and Mansionhouse Unit in May and June 2015.

We are delighted that the new hospitals are to be opened on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 by Her Majesty, the Queen. In light of this NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has been giving some thought to the re-naming of both the new Adult Hospital and the new Children's Hospital, to mark the honour of having Her Majesty, the Queen officially opening both.

I have discussed options for the names of the hospitals over a few weeks with the Chief Executive, senior colleagues, key Non-Executives Members of the NHS Board, key clinical and nursing managers and I am pleased to say there has been widespread support for the following names:-

**The Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow**

**The Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow**

In developing our thinking around the possible names for the new hospitals we were conscious that the two Adult hospitals at the Western Infirmary and Southern General Hospital have had no prior royal connection although clearly the Victoria Infirmary was named after Queen Victoria. We saw no value in carrying forward any of the existing names. Further we were keen to avoid a geographic name as the new hospital will be providing services to patients from all over NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and wider. Therefore our request to ask if you could consider with colleagues and Palace officials our preferred option of naming the Adult hospital 'The Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow'.

In relation to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, the consensus has been that the word "Sick" is no longer appropriate to be in the name of a new and modern hospital. We were keen however to retain the essence of the hospital's original name hence our recommendation is that the Children's hospital be named 'The Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow'.

As way of further background to this huge hospital project, I should add that the £842m project was completed one month early, on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015, and within the overall budget set aside for the project. Both hospitals will deliver a truly gold standard of healthcare, with Maternity, Children's and Adult Acute Hospitals care and have a state of the art laboratory service altogether in one campus. It will have the biggest critical care complex and one of the biggest Emergency Departments within Scotland. The contractors, Brookfield Multiplex, constructed the new 1,109 bedded Adult Hospital and the 256 bedded Children's Hospital and this has been the largest single NHS Hospital Build Project in Scotland.

The site will have three multi storey car parks and surface car parking for over 3,500 car parking spaces. In addition, there will be a new state of the art Teaching and Learning facility on the site. This was a joint venture between NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and the University of Glasgow and it will provide benefits for staff and students and will ultimately enhance services for patients. The facility will consolidate a series of fragmented training locations throughout the NHS Board's area and will also house the Stratified Medicines Scotland Innovation Centre, which will provide unique services to enable world leading developments in Stratified Medicine in chronic diseases. A new administration office block at a cost of £20m is being built on the site with some 1,200 work spaces for clinical and administrative staff transferring from the Western Infirmary, Victoria Infirmary, parts of the existing Southern General and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

The occasion of the official opening of the new hospitals will also mark the official opening of the academic facilities on the site. If permission is granted to re-name the hospitals set out previously, then the Board and the University of Glasgow would also be seeking to recognise the occasion by naming the academic facility:-

**The Queen Elizabeth Teaching and Learning Centre/Stratified Medicine Scotland.**

I would be grateful if you could give these three requests consideration and if you require any additional information or further background on demitting hospitals or the new hospitals please do not hesitate to contact me. As we require to prepare signage well in advance of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015, we would greatly appreciate an early response.

Yours sincerely



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