

**Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust**  
**Midland Metropolitan Hospital Project**  
**Outline Business Case**

**Appendix 12c Support Letters from the Local Health and Wellbeing Boards**



**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**  
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Dear Toby

**HWB Support for Right Care, Right Here and Midland Metropolitan Hospital**

I am writing to set out my support with the Right Care, Right Here programme it is key to the future of health and social care in our local population. The governance of that work brings together statutory and third sector representatives across primary, secondary and tertiary provision, for both physical and mental wellbeing. In 2013 we have celebrated ten years of that partnership.

The partnership is one that will be fundamental to multi-agency integration within our Better Care Fund proposals. These will see us transfer care from institutional to community settings over coming months and years.

In 2006, and by public re-engagement in 2011, local partners consulted on the reconfiguration of services. This retains care in various existing locations across West Birmingham and Sandwell. It also moves care into new locations closer to resident's homes. But it does close two A&E departments, and create a single specialist acute centre at Grove Lane in Smethwick. This will increase transit times for some residents, but the balance of risk is that it permits greater concentration of expertise over a seven day period for patients.

We note and are pleased with CCG support for the new hospital and the Trust's recent reconfirmation of affordability within the new regulatory environment in their sector of the NHS.

I will ensure this letter of support is shared with other members of the Health and Wellbeing Board, to gain confirmation of their support too, at our next meeting on the 21st January 2014. We commend the scheme to you for urgent approval.

Yours sincerely

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**Councillor Steve Bedser**  
**Cabinet Member - Health & Wellbeing**  
**Chair of Birmingham Health and Wellbeing Board**

c.c. Andy Williams  
Cllr Darren Cooper



## **Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council**

*Leader of the Council: Councillor Darren C. Cooper (Soho & Victoria Ward)*

Toby Lewis  
Chief Executive  
SWBH NHS Trust  
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*Date:* 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Dear Toby

Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board strongly support the Right Care Right Here Programme and the plans for the Midland Metropolitan Hospital.

The Board strongly supports the strategic case for the new hospital. For over 11 years the commissioners and community health interests who make up the newly constituted Health and Wellbeing Board have contributed to the goals of a fully integrated health and social care system. We believe the programme is the most visionary and ambitious programme towards integrated public health, health care and social care, which exists in the country, but we also believe it to be pragmatic, inclusive of professional, patient and community interests and affordable within the funds available to the health and social care system in Sandwell and Western Birmingham.

We are seeking to keep people in good health for as long as possible, to provide effective treatment for patients in appropriate settings in the community and to have expert hospital care when necessary, ton tap not on top.

The partners have committed to long term meaningful and painstaking community consultation and involvement. Testimony to this in the widespread acceptance of a scheme which proposes the halving of hospital beds, the closure of two hospitals and two accident and emergency departments. Since the major community



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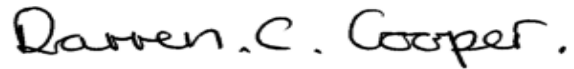
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consultation in 2006-2007, the largest ever conducted in the UK, indeed in Western Europe. Subsequent major service changes including cold and emergency surgery, children's services and maternity have all been undertaken with broad community support, enhancing patient safety and quality of service.

The Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board will strongly uphold this pedigree of involvement and commitment. On behalf of the Board, I strongly commend this scheme to you and your approval.

Yours sincerely

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**Councillor Darren Cooper**  
**Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board**