

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

Appendix 7a Medical Director's Support Letter

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Dear Toby,

I am writing on behalf of the clinicians within the Trust to set out our wholehearted support for the Outline Business Case submitted by the Trust for the new hospital development.

The activity and capacity assumptions, and the related Models of Care used to develop the scale of facilities required at Grove Lane and in retained estates for the future has been the subject of detailed discussions, both by the Trust's clinicians and representatives of the wider health economy. Whilst acknowledging that there are always different views of the potential future requirements, the assumptions reflected in the OBC are endorsed as the most appropriate approach to defining the needs for the future.

The draft Operational Policies for individual departments have also been the subject of detailed discussions with the appropriate clinical groups within the Trust, and reflect our collective views on how the services should be developed within the new hospital.

We are all committed to continuing to work closely with the Trust's project Team to secure these much needed facilities in order that we can continue to provide the high quality care that our patients deserve.

Yours sincerely



Dr Roger Stedman
Medical Director