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Dear Jonathan

Somerset Hyperacute Stroke Reconfiguration

Thank you for your letter dated 31st August 2022 regarding Somerset Hyperacute Stroke Reconfiguration.

You have requested a statement of support from partner organisations ahead of the NHSE/I stage 2 assurance process.

By way of this letter, I can confirm our organisation's engagement in developing the Somerset proposals and our support in principle from the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust for the planned consultation to consider moving to one hyperacute stroke unit in Somerset. We would like to understand how the Trust will be funded for any potential increase in patients who will be redirected to the organisation as well as assurance regarding the rapid step down to community services in Somerset should individuals required ongoing support at home.

We welcome the opportunity to continue to work with your teams to ensure that Somerset patients also have appropriate access to onward stroke care closer to home.

Yours sincerely

Cara Charles-Barks
Chief Executive