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Sent Via Email to: Jonathan.higman@nhs.net

Dear Jonathan

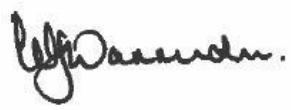
Somerset Hyperacute Stroke Reconfiguration

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 South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust for the planned consultation to consider moving to one hyperacute stroke unit in Somerset.

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



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