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Christopher Pincher MP 23 Albert Road Tamworth Staffordshire B79 7JS

Deas Mr Pinder,

Thank you for your letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> September, which arrived today 26<sup>th</sup> September.

I saw your article in the newspaper, and indeed have today written to the Tamworth Herald to clarify the arrangements. As you say there was not a Tamworth meeting in the first tranche of public engagement sessions but we have now rectified this. Of course, all people are welcome to attend any of the meetings according to their convenience. A public information event will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at the Holiday Inn Express, Leisure Island, River Drive, Tamworth. We are just finalising the timings, but there will be a daytime and an early evening session, so two on that particular day. We are hoping too to organise more events in the Tamworth and Lichfield areas.

If your constituents wish to update themselves on available sessions, they can visit our dedicated website on <a href="www.heartofengland.nhs.uk/surgery-reconfiguration">www.heartofengland.nhs.uk/surgery-reconfiguration</a>, where all event information will be displayed. It also shows people how to input their views if they are unable to make any of the meetings. They can also contact us (from 13 October) on 0121 424 3838 or via twitter @heartofengland.

We are really keen to hear from as many people as possible on the proposal we are making. We feel these are the right ones to maintain Good Hope Hospital as a successful and sustainable hospital in the future, but we are of course more than willing to consider modifications or alternatives that people may suggest. The consultation period will run for fourteen weeks, so we hope there will be ample time, and ample different routes, for people to input their views and suggestions.

I hope this letter is helpful.

Kies regards, Mark New Dord

DR MARK NEWBOLD

Chief Executive