



Mr Geoff Raw  
Chief Executive Brighton and Hove City Council  
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Dear Geoff,

### **Hospital for Hove**

I am submitting the following letter under Council Procedure Rule 23.3 to be included on the agenda for the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) meeting of 12th June 2018.

Thanks to the Government, the largest investment in Brighton is the multi-million pound Royal Sussex County Hospital development. This will give the city one of the finest teaching hospitals in the country.

Hove Hospital closed in 1997 and was replaced with new Polyclinic at Mill View. This is not a direct replacement for a hospital and my fellow Hangleton and Knoll councillors, along with my Hove Park colleagues, are concerned about the fragile state health services in the area. In the UK somebody dies from cancer every four minutes, and the new techniques that are available to help fight this terrible disease, such as early diagnostic imaging, have been shown to improve patient outcomes.

Following a reassessment of the need for a new secondary school in the city, it is possible that a secondary school will no longer be required in the required in the Toads Hole Valley development and I am therefore writing to appeal to the Labour Administration to commit to, along with the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CG), the production of a feasibility study into the possibility of providing a General Practice Hub, Multidisciplinary Community Diagnostic Centre (MCDC) and Urgent Treatment Centre on the site. This will provide patients greatly improved cancer screening, access to state-of-the-art GP services and a walk-in treatment centre for minor injuries, such as cuts, sprains and other less serious injuries such as eye infections.

I believe that Toads Hole Valley is the perfect location for this 'Hospital for Hove' should the land no longer is required as a secondary school.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Tony Janio

Leader of the Conservative Group

