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Dear colleague

Re: Sussex Community NHS Trust & Care UK – Strategic Partnership

Sussex Community NHS Trust (SCT) and Care UK have entered into a strategic partnership agreement with the objective of improving community healthcare and developing innovative new services. This partnership means that our two organisations will collaborate as 'first choice partners' in improving current services and developing new service models.

The first stage of this work is a 'diagnostic' exercise being undertaken by Care UK, which will look at patient pathways for urgent care in north-west Sussex. This will involve an analysis of current service provision at SCT, the link with Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust services and the needs of patients in the Crawley and Horsham area.

During January and February, Care UK will work with SCT staff to analyse these patient pathways. Their findings and recommendations for further development of the services will be reported to the SCT Board in March 2012 and subsequently discussed with our NHS Sussex and clinical commissioning colleagues and other partners.

In the future, SCT and Care UK hope to work together to provide healthcare services in line with these proposals. What this will look like will be based on the diagnostic work and other further discussions between our two organisations. We will also engage with other partners, including our local scrutiny committees and LINKs.

SCT is seeking ways to deliver rapid improvements and developments in our services, based on evidence of best practice in the NHS and elsewhere, in support of our aspirations to become a Foundation Trust. Care UK is an established independent health and social care provider that works extensively for the NHS and have a proven track record in delivering high quality, innovative services in health and social care. Care UK is thus strongly placed to support us as we strive to improve community healthcare and develop innovative new services.

With best wishes

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