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Dear Sven,

Re: Update on short term services review in Brighton & Hove

I am writing to inform you that phase one of the short-term services review has started to be implemented this week at Sussex Community NHS Trust (SCT).

As previously advised by Geraldine Hoban, Chief Operating Officer, Brighton & Hove Emerging Clinical Commissioning Group, at the January 2012 HOSC meeting, we are moving current bed provision away from Newhaven Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) and investing in our intermediate care services (ICS). By 23rd April, 16 beds will be moved from NRC to support 16 more patients within their own homes in Brighton & Hove. A flexible approach by the multidisciplinary team (MDT) is being applied to match the care needs of patients.

With this focus on providing more care in patient's homes, the current staff skills mix at Knoll House is being reviewed. This is to enable consistency of care delivery. Managers at SCT and adult social care at Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC) are working together to develop a consistent model for the ICS beds at both Knoll House and Craven Vale. Some staff will be transferring to ICS to enhance this service in order to support patients in home settings.

Please find attached a copy of the short term services briefing paper, put together by NHS Brighton & Hove, Brighton & Hove City Council and Sussex Community NHS Trust. This gives an overview for the change and outlines the changes as they are due to take place, in three distinct phases.

Keeping you informed

We will keep you updated on the progress of these changes as they happen. If in the meantime you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Janet Heath, Deputy Head of Locality Brighton & Hove, by telephone: **01273 267588** ext **7582**, mobile: **07771 860266** or email: janet.heath@nhs.net.

Yours sincerely



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