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Dear Leila

## **CMFT response the New Health Deal for Trafford consultation**

I am writing to provide you with a response from Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CMFT) to the "New Health Deal" consultation on plans to redesign hospital services in Trafford. This response is structured around the questions defined in the consultation response form.

### **Question 1 – the vision for integrated care**

I can confirm that CMFT fully supports the vision for integrated care as described in the consultation document.

### **Question 2 – the reasons for change**

I can confirm that CMFT fully accepts the reasons for change as described in the consultation document. In particular, the Trust is convinced that "no change" is not an option if we are to ensure that hospital services in Trafford are high quality, efficient and affordable.

### **Question 3 – the proposals**

#### **a) Orthopaedics**

CMFT fully supports the proposals in respect of Orthopaedic services. We are confident that, whilst maintaining patient choice, it will be possible to establish appropriate patient flows to establish a significant and sustainable Elective Orthopaedic Centre function on the Trafford General Hospital site.

#### **b) Outpatients**

CMFT fully supports the proposals in respect of Outpatient services. Our ambition is to extend the range of specialist outpatient services provided locally in Trafford. We plan to maintain access to specialist outpatient clinics either at Stretford Memorial Hospital or at an alternative location in the local area.

**c) Day case surgery**

CMFT fully supports the proposals in respect of day case surgery. Our ambition is to extend the range of day case services provided locally in Trafford.

**d) Intensive care and emergency surgery**

CMFT fully supports the proposals in respect of intensive care and emergency surgery. We believe the proposed changes are needed to ensure the quality and safety of these services in the medium to long term. We are confident that CMFT will have the service capacity to deliver the services models described in the consultation document.

**e) Accident and emergency services**

CMFT fully supports the proposals in respect of accident and emergency services. We believe the proposed changes are needed to ensure the quality and safety of these services in the medium to long term. We are confident that CMFT will have the capacity to deliver the service models described in the consultation document. However, we would like to emphasise that thorough and comprehensive development of the proposed Integrated Care system would need to be demonstrated before the Trust could support the implementation of Model 3.

**Q4 – aspects that have not been considered**

CMFT believes that there are no any material aspects of the proposed changes that have not been considered.

**Q5 – any other comments**

CMFT has no further comments.

**Q6 – the consultation**

CMFT is aware of the unfortunate difficulties that were encountered in the distribution of the consultation document summary to households in certain areas of Trafford. The Trust believes that NHS Greater Manchester has taken the necessary action to rectify this problem and that, overall, the residents of Trafford and Manchester have been given an appropriate opportunity to comment on the proposals.

CMFT recognises that there are good clinical and financial reasons why the proposed changes to hospital services in Trafford should not be unduly delayed. In this context, the Trust is convinced that the New Health Deal for Trafford consultation should be maintained as a completely separate activity to the “Healthier Together” strategic planning that has recently been initiated in Greater Manchester.

I hope these comments are helpful.

Yours sincerely



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**Chief Executive**