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Dear Bruno

While I recognise the Clinical Commissioning Group is leading the current Transformation Programme consultation, I wanted to get in touch with you about the "Strong Public and Patient Engagement section" of the Pre-Consultation Business Case, specifically section 7.2.11 (page 111). For ease, I enclose a copy here.

As you will see, the second paragraph of the section reads:

*"...OUHFT held several meetings with public representatives, including the North Oxfordshire Community Partnership Network to keep all parties well informed of the process, until public consultation. Public meetings with the North Oxfordshire Locality Forum, meetings with local MPs and Council have taken place between March and August 2016 and a public meeting at St Marys Church 25<sup>th</sup> August."*

I note that the accompanying Engagement Report also makes reference to the public meeting on 25 August.

You will recall that it was my office who organised the public meeting in St Mary's Banbury in response to the Trust's failure to discuss the emergency suspension of obstetric services at the Horton General Hospital with the people of North Oxfordshire. I extended the invitation to panel members, my office organised the independent chair and did all the publicity. Given my concerns about the lack of consultation by the Trust, I sought assurances from Paul Brennan prior to the meeting that the Trust would not use it as an example of engaging with the public. In Paul's reply on 25 August (enclosed) he stated that:

*"My understanding is tonight is about the short term challenge and the options for the strategic future of the Horton General Hospital will be subject to formal consultation and tonight's public meeting falls outside that consultation programme."*

I am sure you will therefore understand why I was utterly dismayed to see it referenced in the Transformation Programme consultation document to justify strong public engagement. It is misleading to do so, and I would respectfully request that it is removed.

Yours

Victoria

**Victoria Prentis MP**

Cc: Dame Fiona Caldicott, Chairman, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
David Smith, Chief Executive, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group  
Jennifer Howells, Interim Regional Director South, NHS England



Transformation Programme to make plans to address this. (More information on the current and potential challenges that have been identified are included in Appendix 7.4).

### **7.2.11 Involvement of stakeholders in the development of the Strategic Review of the Horton General Hospital**

The Strategic Review of the Horton General Hospital sought to attain clinical consensus about the best models of care and their viability. Over fifty clinicians from all OUHFT sites worked with managerial colleagues to develop clinically viable and sustainable options for new models of care.

During this early phase, OUHFT held several meetings with public representatives, including the North Oxfordshire Community Partnership Network to keep all parties well informed of the process, until public consultation. Public meetings with the North Oxfordshire Locality Forum, meetings with local MPs and Council have taken place between March and August 2016 and a public meeting at St Marys Church 25<sup>th</sup> August. For full communications and engagement activities to date, please see Appendix 7.5.

A survey has been conducted with OUHFT members on services at the Horton General Hospital with 233 responses received. The survey was open until 22 September and findings are in the process of being collated. These will inform developments as the Review progresses.

Engagement sessions have also taken place, throughout the development of proposals, with North Oxfordshire Locality Group GPs, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust and Northampton General Hospital.

The Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health (RCPCH) has visited the Horton General to provide an independent opinion on the two Clinical Decision Unit (CDU) options for Paediatrics in September 2016. The final report is awaited.

## PRENTIS, Victoria

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**From:** Brennan Paul (RTH) OUH <Paul.Brennan@ouh.nhs.uk>  
**Sent:** 25 August 2016 12:13  
**To:** PRENTIS, Victoria  
**Cc:** GAMMIE, Catharine  
**Subject:** RE: Q&A event

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Dear Victoria

My understanding is tonight is about the short term challenge and the options for the strategic future of the Horton General Hospital will be subject to formal consultation and tonight's public meeting falls outside that consultation programme.

Best wishes

Paul

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**From:** PRENTIS, Victoria [mailto:victoria.prentis.mp@parliament.uk]  
**Sent:** 25 August 2016 11:59  
**To:** Brennan Paul (RTH) OUH  
**Cc:** GAMMIE, Catharine  
**Subject:** Q&A event

Dear Paul,

Thank you for arranging panellists for this evening's Q&A session- I hope it will be a constructive event for all who attend.

I have been asked to confirm that the Q&A will not be part of a public consultation but is simply a chance for the people of Banbury to ask important questions about proposals for the Horton.

Best wishes,

Victoria

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