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Dear Councillor Wildey,

Referral to the Secretary of State under Regulation 23(9) of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 of changes to healthcare services in Kent and Medway through the reconfiguration of stroke services.

Thank you for referring this case to my predecessor on 27 March 2019. I apologise for the delay in responding, in part due to the need for my predecessor to fully review the options available for the Kent and Medway Health and Care System as a whole, and to engage key partners on the most sustainable solution, which I now believe we have collectively found. As you will be aware, he asked the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) for their advice on this case. They have reported, and I have accepted their advice.

After careful consideration, the IRP is of the view that the proposal should proceed alongside the commitments to deliver business cases for comprehensive stroke rehabilitation and prevention. As routine we will follow up on progress of implementation in around 3 months' time.

I enclose a copy of the IRP's advice.

I am copying this letter to NHSE/I, and the CCG.

Yours ever,

RT HON SAJID JAVID MP