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Dear Ms Phillips

Petition: P-03-280 Cardiff Royal Infirmary

Thank you for your recent letter, seeking further information about communication with the petitioners in relation to the above petition.

UHB records show that Mr and Mrs Breen visited the Cardiff Royal Infirmary (CRI) with the Cardiff Central Assembly Member Jenny Rathbone, on Tuesday 29th March 2011. They were expecting to attend a public meeting, but there was no such meeting planned at this time.

Immediately following the visit, the UHB Public Relations Manager, Leanne Coburn, spoke personally to Jenny Rathbone, who explained that she had been advised of the meeting via Mr and Mrs Breen, who told her at the time that they had seen a poster, at the CRI, advertising a public meeting.

I note that the email you forwarded from the petitioners states that they were 'invited to a meeting' by Laing O'Rourke, the UHB construction partner. As a contractor, Laing O'Rourke is unable to speak on behalf of the UHB and I am investigating this claim to ensure that routes of communication are clearly understood. To date I have been unable to find evidence of any such dialogue with Mr and Mrs Breen.

Subsequent to their visit on 29th March, the Chair of the UHB Communication and Engagement Group (Mr Steve Allen – Chief Officer of the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Community Health Council) wrote to Mr and Mrs Breen, offering to meet with them to discuss their interest in the CRI, and particularly to discuss how the communications group might develop and improve information sharing and engagement with local residents. This invitation was extended on 13th April 2011, and to date no response has been received.

Since that time, the UHB has continued to publish updates on progress with Phase One of the redevelopment of the CRI, using the local media and press. In particular, the UHB has been working with the local Communities First projects to use their existing newsletters to target local residents specifically and has also submitted



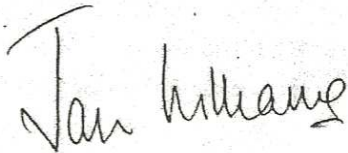
news articles to the Community Health Council Newsletter, and to Cardiff Council's 'Capital Times,' to reach the wider community audience. As the UHB moves towards the planning of later phases, it will continue to look at how to engage the local community effectively in the development of proposals. The UHB is currently in discussion with Participation Cymru around this.

Finally, the committee may be aware that UHB proposals for Phase One of the Redevelopment include the creation of a Visitors Centre on the CRI site. The Visitors Centre will serve a range of purposes, one of which is to provide a dedicated area where information about the redevelopment of the CRI can be publicly displayed and discussed. The Phase One proposals are currently awaiting approval from the Welsh Government; I hope you will agree that the Visitors Centre will create a focal point for local community engagement.

In summary, I can confirm that, subject to Welsh Government approval, the UHB will continue to work with key partners and stakeholders to develop the CRI as a Health and Wellbeing Centre, as agreed originally through public consultation and subsequently through effective clinical and stakeholder engagement.

I hope that this provides a helpful response. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Sue Revell, Programme Director for the CRI Redevelopment, should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



Jan Williams
Chief Executive

cc Paul Hollard, Executive Director of Planning/Deputy Chief Executive