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Dear Mr Scott

I am writing to you regarding various issues which have arisen as a result of your recent public consultation on the Urogynaecology Subspecialty Service.

The Health Scrutiny Committees of Kingston, Merton and Sutton have, at recent meetings, individually considered your plans and have heard counter arguments from one of the consultants and representatives of patients.

As a result we now have a situation where each Committee has reached its own conclusions as set out below.

I understand that the Trust Board will be making a decision on how it will proceed with these plans following the consultation and comments received at the scrutiny committee meetings at its meeting on 3 March 2016.

Whilst we appreciate that it is unlikely that we should now seek to convene a sub committee of the SW London Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, and recognising that Wandsworth (scrutiny, health watch and CCG) have actually accepted your plans as part of wider considerations to address the Trust's deficit issues we believe that it would be helpful if following the Board's decision you were to provide a common response to our three Committees. This would allow our Committees to receive the information and assurances they are seeking as expressed in our various recommendations.

The **Sutton** Scrutiny Committee recommendation at its meeting on 20 January 2016 was "the committee agreed that the matter should be referred to a joint health scrutiny committee given the impact on several boroughs. The committee asked that officers seek legal advice about its remit and therefore its position."


As part of its consideration of the matter on 26 January 2016 the **Kingston Health Overview Panel** heard the views of two patients who expressed concerns about the service provided at Croydon and agreed the following recommendations

1. Endorsed the passing of relevant information to appropriate local staff and supported the investigative processes that will follow and requested that an appropriate report be brought back to the Health Overview Panel;
2. Requested assurance from the relevant health commissioner (Wandsworth CCG) that concerns set out above are appropriately addressed;
3. Welcomed that the Trust has decided to delay the decision on the proposal to permanently relocate the Urogynaecology service to Croydon University Hospital until 3 March; and
4. Recommended that the Urogynaecology and Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology service is provided at St George's in the future.

Merton's Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel met on the 9 February 2016. The Panel unanimously agreed to ask St George's to re-open the Urogynaecology clinic for local people, as a priority.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Andrew Day
Chair, South West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(and Chair of Kingston Health Overview Panel)