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(Emailed to: conor.burke@onel.nhs.uk)

Dear Conor,

Re: Heronwood and Galleon Unit, Makepeace Road Wanstead

Members of the Health Scrutiny Committee undertook a visit to Heronwood and Galleon Unit on 30th May 2013 by the kind invitation of the service and we were very pleased with the visit and the way in which we were welcomed. Please see attached a copy of our report, for your information.

During the visit, information was shared at the visit by the manager in attendance regarding 14 beds that were currently not being used within the unit. This information was then subsequently shared with the Press and an article run in the Wanstead and Woodford Guardian.

At the last Health Scrutiny Committee meeting, which took place yesterday evening (12th June 2013), two members of the public spoke under the public participation item regarding the perceived closure of beds at the unit without a consultation.

My lead officer, John Powell (Director of Adult Social Services and Housing), was able to share with the Committee the difference between productivity changes and closure and what he had been informed about by the CCG regarding changes that would require public consultation. This information was helpful, however my Committee agreed that I should invite the NELFT Chief Executive and yourself to attend the next Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on **Monday 23rd September 2013 at 7.15pm in Committee Room 2, Town Hall**, requesting that you provide a clear and transparent report about both what is currently happening within the unit and also the plans for the future.

The Committee welcomes open and constructive dialogue and it is my view, as Chairman of the Committee, that this can be achieved by taking an item at the next meeting, and my committee unanimously agreed.

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A similar letter has been sent to the NELFT Chief Executive and I would therefore request a report, which could be a joint report or separate as you prefer, that clearly spells out the current and future plans for Heronwood and Galleon Unit and also details of formal consultation that may follow as a result.

I also ask that you attend personally please as this a very serious matter which I believe warrants your personal attention.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Joyce Ryan

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Chairman, Health Scrutiny Committee

c.c. Members of the Health Scrutiny Committee
John Brouder, Chief Executive (NELFT)

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