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Dear Cllr Nevin and Cllr Salter,

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 Mid and South Essex proposed by Mid and South Essex STP.

Thank you for your letter of 15 January 2019 referring to me the above proposals resulting from the 'Your Care in the Best Place' public consultation and resulting decisions made by the Mid and South Essex Clinical Commissioning Group's Joint Committee. As you know, I asked the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) for their advice. They have now reported to me and I have accepted their advice.

After careful consideration, the IRP has concluded that, with some further action locally, especially in relation to services at Orsett Hospital until new services are in place, the proposals should proceed.

To that end, I would be grateful if you would report back to me in three months on the progress of this case. I enclose a copy of the IRP's advice.

I am copying this letter Suzanne Shale IRP Member and Chair for this sub-group and have written in similar terms to the CCGs and the JHOSC.

Yours ever,

MATT HANCOCK