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Dear Sir/Madam

**Consultation response by Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, London Borough of Havering**

As Chairman of the Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, I am writing to confirm the Committee's comments on the current consultation on changes to intermediate care services in Havering, Barking & Dagenham and Redbridge.

The Committee has noted the plans to make permanent the current community treatment team and intensive rehabilitation service and is supportive of this, feeling that these services have been successful since they were introduced and have received positive feedback on the whole from Havering residents. The Committee also supports the aim of these community-based services of keeping people out of hospital where possible. Members also feel that the CCG's attempts to increase awareness of these services should continue.

It is accepted that the two teams mentioned above will reduce the need for the current number of rehabilitation beds. The Committee has noted the plan to locate the remaining beds at King George Hospital. While this is not located in Havering, the Committee feels that this is a better location for such facilities than two of the current sites in Dagenham and Wanstead, both of which are highly inaccessible for Havering residents.

The Committee has also noted plans to increase staffing of the services over the peak winter periods, should this be required and will wish to scrutinise how the services cope during peak pressure periods.

In conclusion, The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee wishes to record its overall support for the proposals in the consultation, subject to the comments shown above.

Yours sincerely

**Councillor Nic Dodin**  
**Chairman, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

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