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Dear Secretary of State

### **Referral of NHS Dorset CCG's CSR Proposals**

I write further to the recent referral by the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee regarding key elements of NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group's Clinical Services Review.

The Town Council's principal concerns relate to proposals to relocate maternity services and the local accident and emergency department from Poole Hospital to the Royal Bournemouth. This step will lead to an increase in journey times for Swanage residents of approximately 20 minutes, thereby introducing an increased clinical risk for seriously ill patients.

The significant concerns of local residents have been raised by the Town Council at every stage of the consultation regarding these proposals, letters having been sent to the CCG in February and September 2017. The Council has listened carefully to the responses provided by the CCG, but ultimately remains concerned that the implementation of the proposals will have a detrimental impact on the people of Swanage and consequently would not be in the interests of the health service in the area.

The Town Council fully supports the referral by the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee and associates itself wholly with the content of its submission. Swanage Town Council therefore joins the DHSC in urging you to consider the referral in full and request an independent assessment of the matters of concern.

Yours sincerely

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