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Dear Nnenna,

Harold Hill Neighbourhood Health Centre

I am very grateful for the briefing that members of your team provided to my office manager earlier this morning, confirming that the ICB will be making a formal submission for a Neighbourhood Health Centre in Harold Hill. This is very welcome news.

As you may be aware, last summer I called on the ICB to support such a submission owing to the high levels of deprivation and poor transport connectivity in the area. As the 2024 Havering Place based Partnership report noted, residents in Harold Hill also experience poorer health outcomes than their counterparts in less deprived parts in the borough. Men in Harold Hill have a life expectancy 7.3 years shorter than peers in the least deprived parts of the borough, for women the difference is even greater with a life expectancy 7.6 years shorter.

Of course, there is no silver bullet for addressing such inequality however reconfiguring and expanding the service offer at the Harold Hill Health Centre presents a real opportunity for progress. The St. George's Health and Wellbeing Centre in Hornchurch has provided a step-change in the delivery of integrated care in the Hornchurch area, allowing significantly more residents to access a wide array of services outside an acute hospital setting. I am glad to hear that the ICB is seeking to replicate, as much as possible in the confines of the Harold Hill site, this service delivery model and am glad to confirm my full support.

Please do keep me updated as these proposals develop and of any further support that my team and I can provide to ensure its completion.

With kind regards,
Julia