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Dear Jeff

Strategic Outline Case - Pharmacy and Medicines Management following CHI Investigation at Gosport War Memorial Hospital

We have now had an opportunity to discuss the pharmacy business case in relation to the above.

It has been helpful to see your long-term strategic vision for the service. From our discussions some key points emerged relating specifically to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital Investigation, which require further clarification. These are outlined in bullet points below.

- Can you identify what element of the business case for additional staff is required to meet the four specific pharmacy/prescribing related recommendations set out in the CHI Report (recommendations 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- Can you confirm what proportion of the required resource is already funded within the existing Service Level Agreement for Pharmacy Services
- Do you feel confident that if we approve funding to appoint some additional pharmacy resource that you will be able to recruit to the posts.

It would be helpful if you could provide further clarification on the above points to enable us to move this forward.

Yours sincerely,

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