

Mr Paul McClintock AO  
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St Vincent's Health Australia  
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Dear Mr McClintock

Thank you for writing to the Minister for Health about St Joseph's Hospital and St Vincent's Health Network Sydney's electronic medical record (eMR) Business Case. Minister Hazzard has asked me to respond.

I acknowledge your proposal and appreciate your interest in this matter. I understand you met with representatives from the NSW Ministry of Health and eHealth NSW in October 2021 to discuss funding for your eMR proposal, and in February 2022, you met with the Minister about the sustainability of St Joseph's Hospital.

Dr Zoran Bolevich, Chief Executive, eHealth NSW and Chief Information Officer, has advised that NSW Health's existing ICT investment pipeline is fully committed and allocated to a portfolio of high priority NSW Health ICT programs, which are already underway. Regrettably, there is no funding available in the existing ICT investment pipeline that would meet the requirements of St Vincent's Health Network.

In the absence of any available capital funding currently to support this proposal, the Network may wish to consider resubmitting this funding request through the 2022 Capital Investment Planning processes.

Mr Alfa D'Amato, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Secretary, Financial Services and Asset Management, has advised that any plans by the Network about a relocation of services from St Joseph's Hospital to St Vincent's Darlinghurst will need to be managed within the Network, as per annual Service Agreements.

I encourage the Network to provide a detailed proposal, including current activity, capital cost estimates, and proposed activity and funding transfer before further negotiating discussions, including what engagement has taken place with Western Sydney Local Health District.

Thank you again for writing. For more information on the eMR, please contact Ms Vicki Fleming, Executive Director, Program Delivery, eHealth NSW, at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

Susan Pearce  
**Secretary, NSW Health**