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Dear Secretary

I write as A/CE of SVHNS as Anthony is on annual leave.

Further to your meeting with the Chair of St Vincent's Health Australia last week, please find attached a proposal for revised service strategy for St Joseph's from 2019. This proposal would build on SJH current strengths in older persons mental health and neurodegenerative conditions, palliative care and rehabilitation with new services leveraging the specialist expertise of St Vincent's Health Network in alcohol and drug & homeless health.

We would be very happy to work with the Ministry and WSLHD on this strategy, or any alternate service strategy that would best meet the needs of the local community. However, any scenario for continued public service delivery from St Joseph's would require capital investment from NSW Health to redevelop the hospital in the short-term as the facility is well past functional and economic use of life (other than the Huntington's Disease Unit).

We appreciate your consideration, and welcome your advice to progress a timely decision on the future of St Joseph's given the operational and financial pressures the facility is under.

Best regards,

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