

## Appendix 2

Julian Hartley  
Chief Executive  
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By email

09 April 2019

Dear Julian

### SUPPORT FOR STRATEGIC OUTLINE CASE & OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

We are writing to confirm the support of West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYAAT) for the proposals set out in the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) and Outline Business Case (OBC) for Building the Leeds Way.

We support the strategic objectives of Building the Leeds Way and confirm these are aligned to WYAAT's core principles of developing centres of excellence, reducing clinical variation, supporting local access for patients through clinical networks, workforce planning at scale and delivering economies of scale in back office and support functions.

Renewal of our estate is a priority across WYAAT as an enabler of improved clinical productivity and sustainable service delivery. The Leeds General Infirmary and Leeds Children's Hospital are key tertiary centres serving the people of West Yorkshire and Harrogate; around 50% of the adult elective work and 80% undertaken for children is for patients from the wider region. We have been engaged as these plans have developed, and recognising the need for a strong tertiary centre, which complements the broader configuration of services in West Yorkshire, are very happy to endorse them.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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