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Dear Friends,

I wish to update you on my recent correspondence with Mr Eugene Yafele, the Chief Executive of the Dorset Healthcare University Trust, in relation to the potential withdrawal by Yeovil District Hospital (YDH) of a number of Out-Patient Clinics from Yeatman Hospital.

Mr Yafele has confirmed that Management Teams from both NHS Dorset and Yeovil District Hospital are to review YDH's proposal, and to further evaluate the impact on both the Yeatman and Yeovil Hospitals and on the Out-Patient Services to both communities. Mr Yafele also confirmed that no decision on any closures would be taken before the Management Teams meet with the local Stakeholders in Sherborne.

While this does not yet secure the future of the Clinics, this process ensures The Yeatman Hospital and its Stakeholders will be consulted.

I hope this update provides you with some reassurance for the time being.

Yours sincerely,

David