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Dear Emma,

Thank you for your letter which I received on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020.

Whilst I am unable to directly account for the Derbyshire Community Health Services (NHS Foundation Trust) press release I can confirm that the decisions about the future of bedded care provision in the Belper area were made by NHS colleagues following a lengthy period of consultation back in 2018. I would respectfully suggest that specific questions with regard to the content of their press release would be best directed to Derbyshire Community Health Services.

In relation to your question about what steps local NHS organisations and Derbyshire County Council are taking to retain bedded care provision in the Belper area I can confirm that there is still an absolute commitment, from all parties, to deliver on our long standing agreement to provide specific beds within our new build residential care facility dedicated to providing therapy-led support. These beds will be supported by both Derbyshire County Council care staff and Derbyshire Community Health Services therapy staff.

Yours sincerely

  
Councillor Barry Lewis  
Leader of Derbyshire County Council