You may be aware that Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and Peninsula Community Health are currently exploring a merger and I am keen that Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust is part of that discussion.

I believe that we have a once in a generation opportunity to revolutionise healthcare for the local community and we should now bring services together to meet patient need rather than organisational need.

It also makes sense financially and many of you hopefully realise that the way services are currently configured is not sustainable and in truth not the best way to provide healthcare.

One integrated NHS provider would of course mean significant changes for all of us individually and collectively - including potentially us agreeing not to pursue NHS Foundation Trust status. Personally, I think we need to consider all options if we want to be ambitious for our community and provide the outstanding care we all want for our friends and family.

I recognise that for all sorts of reasons there will be resistance to one integrated NHS provider for Cornwall but I believe that it is right for this community and the right time to make this happen. For our patients sake I hope you will support this approach and will talk more about this in the coming weeks.

Kind Regards,

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