



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Ms Janet Hayes
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Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership

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Dear Ms Hayes,

Proposed Parkhead Hub

I am writing to respond to the above consultation with the aim of adding my own views to the process.

I was very happy to see that the services being proposed for Parkhead Hospital include: 2 GP practices, dental services, community pharmacy, district nursing, primary care mental health and psychotherapy, health visiting and school nursing, rehabilitation and enablement services, older people's mental health services, learning disability services, learning disability services, Social Work children and family teams, Sandyford East sexual health services and Health and Social Work addiction services. The amount of services proposed will, I am sure, be welcomed by the local community.

While I welcome these services I would like to see more brought into the new Parkhead complex with the ideal of turning the area into an Ambulatory Care And Diagnostic(ACAD) unit similar to the facilities available at Victoria and Stobhill. I understand that some of this may well be included in the final plan as you note there will be a level of 'acute service which is yet to be determined'.

Transport is obviously at the heart of this for residents but alongside this it is important to remember that we have extremely poor health in the East End of Glasgow and, therefore, should have as many resources available locally as possible. The Glasgow Royal Infirmary itself is more of a city centre hospital than an East End one but at least it has some transport links to the East End and is widely used and respected by the local community.

I would note that other sectors of the city, for example, the South Side, has the Victoria and the North has Stobhill. These are modern facilities dealing with a range of issues and it seems to me are exactly the kind of facility we are looking for in the East End.

I do accept that the Parkhead site may be limited in space to accommodate the existing and proposed services together with car parking and other necessities. Therefore, some of the rehabilitation facilities in care homes may be necessary.

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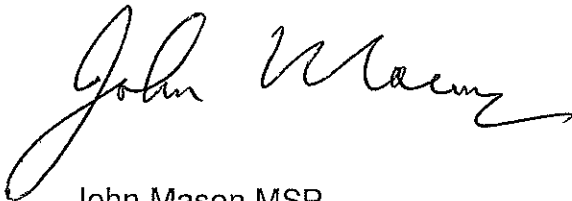
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However, I would just stress again that the number one priority is to keep services in the East End and not transfer them to the North. The proposals noted for rehabilitation and enablement services will be especially welcomed by elderly people going through rehabilitation. In those situations, a friend dropping in can be hugely beneficial to their recovery. Such 'pop-in' visits will be more possible for folk living in the East End if these services are operated in Parkhead.

As a final point I would once again stress the excellent transport links Parkhead has with the rest of the East End and the wider Glasgow community, with bus routes from all across the city passing through the area and nearby train stations providing further connectivity. As such any expansion in services provided would serve other areas of the city as well as those in the East End.

Thank you for taking these comments on board.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Mason', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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