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Dear Stakeholder,

RE: Update on West Cumberland Hospital redevelopment

This is an exciting time for West Cumberland Hospital which, as I am sure you know, is undergoing a £100 million redevelopment, so I am writing personally to our stakeholders to bring you up to date with the latest news on the project.

Work on the redevelopment is now well underway and clearly visible across the site. Following several weeks of work to relocate the first phase of wards and departments, demolition began earlier this month.

To enable the project to proceed smoothly, changes to traffic flow and parking are being introduced on the hospital site. A section of the ringroad which encircles the hospital needs to be closed at the rear of the site to facilitate the construction works, which means the present one-way traffic system needs to be made two-way.

As a result, for safety and continual unimpeded access for the emergency services, parking will no longer be allowed on the ringroad from next Wednesday, 5 May. Any vehicles found parked on the hospital road after this date will be towed away, with a release fee to cover the cost of this service.

Alternative car parking areas have been created over the past few weeks, meaning there has been no decrease in the total number of spaces for staff and visitors on the hospital site. New signage and road markings will be installed to show clearly the changes.

A contractor's compound has been created at the top of the site, accessed from Sneckyeat Industrial Estate, with parking for contractor staff.

These arrangements for traffic and parking will remain in place until the completion of the hospital redevelopment, which is presently scheduled for 2013.

We will be attempting to keep any noise and disturbance to a minimum but would like to apologise in advance for any disruption caused by these necessary works and would like to

reassure you that the impact on local residents in relation to general disruption and safety is reviewed on a daily basis by the site and project team.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or suggestions regarding the redevelopment. There is an information display in the main foyer and the Project Office – located near the hospital's main entrance, opposite WHSmith – is open to visitors every Friday between 1-2pm.

You can also contact the Project Team by calling 01946 523563, email them at wchproject@ncumbria-acute.nhs.uk or visit www.buildingyourhospital.ncuh.nhs.uk online for further information.

Finally, this is an exciting time for the public of West Cumbria in building a new hospital that is fit for the future and we would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding while this work is taking place.

Yours sincerely

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