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Dear Sir or Madam

Your Freedom of Information request, which was received on 26 April 2022, is copied below with our response.

Please provide the following information relating to hospital redevelopment

- 1) We are referring to the letter sent from Deputy CEO Helen Brown to Dacorum Borough Council in response to a request by Dacorum Borough councils "Health in Dacorum" meeting on the 8th of Dec 2021 to conduct a cost comparison between building on a clear site vs in Watford. The communication shows the date of 26th of January 2022, but at the next Health in Dacorum meeting on the 1st of March 2022, the letter had not been received by the committee and the trusts communications director was unable to confirm whether the letter had been sent. As a result the matter cannot be discussed until their next meeting on the 8th of June a whole 6 months since the point was raised.

Please provide a copy of the document together with evidence of the date the communication was sent to Dacorum Borough council by means of (but not only) email audit log or other electronic methods. Please also provide evidence of the PDF files creation date.

**Response:** Please see attached the letter, which we understand was previously shared with the committee members. The letter was sent by standard post so there is no record of when it was. There is no pdf because the letter was posted, Metadata from the Word document showing when it was created is attached as appendix 1.

- 2) Please provide a copy of the document entitled "New and better buildings in the shortest possible time" given to the health secretary at the meeting on the 11th of April in the Westminster.  
<https://www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk/newsandmedia/mediareleases/2022/april/westminstervisit.asp>

**Response:** Please see attached.

- 3) Please provide a copy of all cost estimates known to the trust to build on a clear site both prior to the approval of the Strategic outline case on the 1st of October 2020 and since then.

**Response:** Any cost estimates that relate to building on a clear site available on the trust's [website](#). In particular, page 15: section 5 of the [Analysis of Outline Case](#).

- 4) Please provide a copy of any non cost oriented comparative assessment of the benefits of building on a clear site vs in Watford between October 2020 and today including clinical, access, environmental, employment, travel, health and wellbeing and any other metric used.

**Response:** Any comparisons that have been made are included in the strategic outline case which is available on the Trust's [website](#).

- 5) Please provide evidence that the board of the trust have been provided with each of the above pieces of information in advance of their scheduled meeting on the 31st of May 2022 where they will review the October 2020 decision to not consider a clear site.

**Response:** The board receives the information required to make decisions through the board papers which are available on the Trust's [website](#).

In all cases If the information is already elsewhere, please indicate the specific website address to the particular document and the page number.

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager**

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