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Hi All

Just a quick-wish update ...

In my ongoing efforts this week to sort out the “new” space at The Wilson, I had a really useful call with a different guy from NHS Property Services. He is more strategy than practical property stuff but the lead for The Wilson which is great.

Firstly, I am pretty sure we have the go-ahead for the space. Just waiting for confirmation from them and then need to get on to our CCG colleagues to get the legalities sorted etc etc. But progress is being made - which is the main thing.

Secondly, he wanted to understand how our Wellbeing stuff fitted in to the local picture/strategy. I explained it all to him and he told me that NHSPS are building social prescribing in to their strategy. They are keen to make sure social prescribers across the country have space to see patients etc etc. He was really interested when I explained about our links with SP in Mitcham. He wanted to know more as he had a call with some of the NHSPS national team early this morning. Unfortunately there wasn't time for him to have a call with you [REDACTED] to explain all about SP in Mitcham and how it's all working but I did my best to explain to him what I know and how it is set up etc. He was impressed, including our joint work with The Canons and how the participants had been identified by the SPs etc etc. I said that I can put him in touch with you and your team if and when he wants to know more details. Clearly it is a good link to have. I know that our SPs are based in GP practices currently but I understood that an element of the NHSPS strategy is to use empty NHS premises to support their work. Which is great.

I made the point also that our Wellbeing reach is designed to go beyond just SP because the model requires people to access it via their GP/Practice and that isn't always appropriate or going to happen.

Anyway. Interesting stuff. I'll keep you posted with the space issue and will crack-on with the SWOT analysis etc.

[REDACTED] any progress yet with the website volunteers? Happy to follow it up myself if easier - just let me know who to speak to!!

Any thoughts on any of the above welcome. Stay safe people!

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