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Lee Davies
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Dear Lee,

Re: Support for OBC – Aberystwyth Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)

I write this letter to give the support of the Welsh Sexual Assault Services (WSAS) Board for the business justification case proposed by Hywel Dda UHB that seeks to develop a purpose-built sexual assault referral centre on the Aberystwyth Integrated Care Centre site.

The current Bow Street Sexual Assault Referral Centre provides an essential service helping those affected by sexual assault across the age ranges. It has been determined that the current SARC is no longer fit for purpose for the following reasons:

1. The facilities and fabric of the building are not suitable for those with disabilities;
2. There has been notice served on the current facility that means it will have to be vacated by 1 April 2025.

There is therefore an urgent need for a replacement ISO-accredited facility which will be capable of meeting acute and non-acute demand currently met by the Bow Street facility and acute demand which will be diverted from Carmarthen and Newtown under the new hub and spoke model.

The proposal for the new development has been discussed widely at the multiagency WSAS board and has received strong support by all partners. This development is an essential part of the new service development required for the implementation of the ISO accredited hub and spoke model that has been approved to improve the services for victims and survivors of sexual assault services across South Wales.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S Harry".

Stephen Harry

