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Dear Mrs Love

### **Physiotherapy and X ray at Dunbar Hospital.**

I am writing to advise you of some changes we need to make to the Physiotherapy Department at Dunbar Hospital. Following a Healthcare Environment Inspection and a Structural Property Inspection it was found that the area was not suitable for the treatment of patients due to the fabric and layout of the building and the structure of the building was found to be subsiding.

We have considered where we might relocate physiotherapy and have concluded that the most suitable option is to move it to the X Ray department. This has the advantage of being able to continue the provision of Physiotherapy treatment within the locality.

However, as a consequence of this we will have to review all our outpatient clinics in Caithness General Hospital and Dunbar Hospital and relocate some clinics to Dunbar to move clinics requiring X Ray support to CGH. There is a small working group of staff from both hospitals looking at how this might be achieved.

It is likely that this change will happen within the next six months.

By way of this letter I would also like to give you an update on the West Caithness redesign project. The final draft of the proposal around redesigning services in West Caithness is currently with the Chief Executive who is reviewing the document. Thereafter, it will again be forwarded to the Scottish Government Health Department for consideration. The likely timescale for submission to the Scottish Government will be in the next few weeks. At this stage it is unclear when a response will be received from the SGHD.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish further clarification.

Best Wishes

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