

Letter from HCS Nurses:

Monday 4 October, 2021

Dear all

Our respective professions are incredibly rewarding, and we come to work every day to provide the best possible care for our islanders, however in the current environment this is an ever-increasing challenge.

We understand the case for a new hospital is well made, which is hugely positive as it's needed to deliver safe, modern healthcare for future generations of islanders. When we heard that Overdale had been agreed as a site the news was met with great relief, that work could finally begin and a turn key building, fit for purpose was on the horizon and in sight for all of us.

We can accept working in this environment for another five years in the knowledge the new build has begun but we want to be clear that it is increasingly difficult. Every single day, every single shift we work around the challenge of the current aging buildings, both on the hospital site and St Saviour site to deliver the best care we can, and the reality is the buildings need constant attention, care is delivered in a suboptimal environment and we simply don't have enough space – full stop.

We have to empty bathrooms before we offer patients the use as they are used for storage of essential equipment, we don't have suitable space to break bad news in private, the bays are cramped and patients are so close together they can hear everything happening to others around them. There is no space for staff to rest during their shift and teaching space for staff in the clinical environment is non-existent.

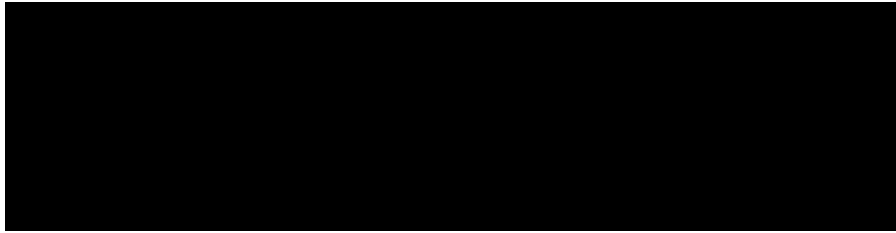
We have such a limit on single rooms that we have a daily juggle and have to constantly move patients in order to manage and prioritise the increasingly competing numbers of patients who need the room, these are decisions that we shouldn't have to constantly take. Our priority should be focussed on the delivery of care and hands on our patients, not on moving beds and equipment just so we can deliver the most basic fundamentals of care.

Along with our Consultant colleagues, we have been involved in the design for the new hospital, this has been really exciting work and finally brings together physical and mental health on one site, and affords patients and our staff a building that is fit for purpose that demonstrates investment and the value we all place on health.

We appeal to you, as our States Members that you support the plans for the Hospital build and approve the funding proposals so work can begin without any further delay and we can finally look forward to caring for our islanders in an environment that supports and promotes the delivery of good healthcare.

Signed by:

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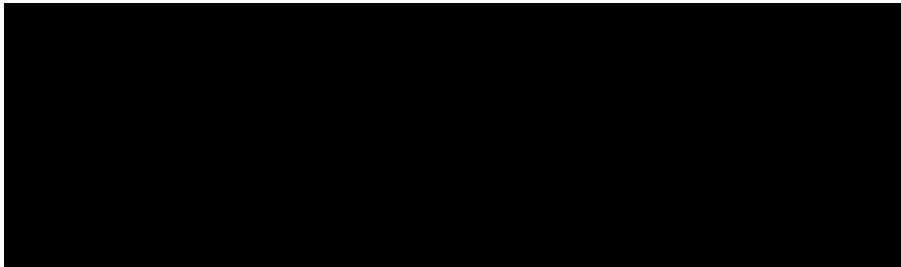
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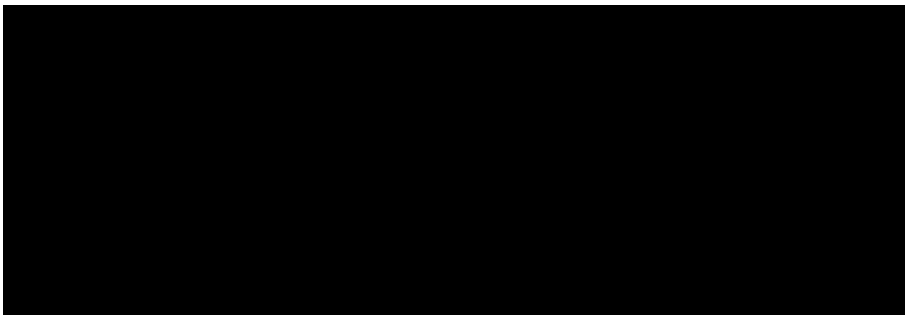
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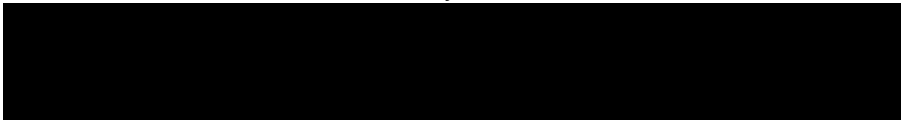
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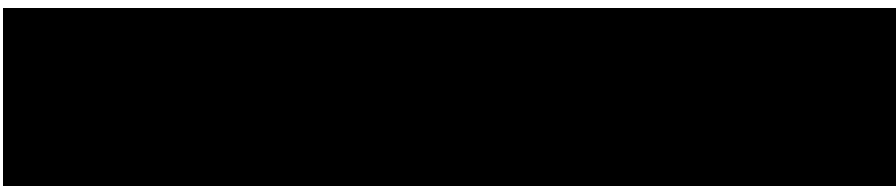


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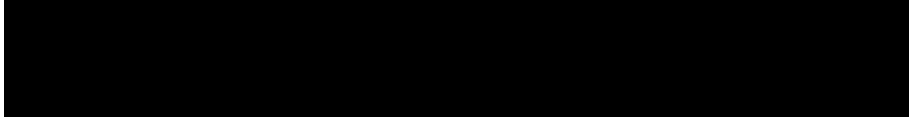
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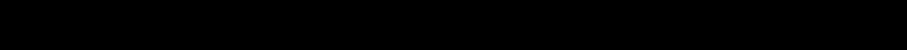
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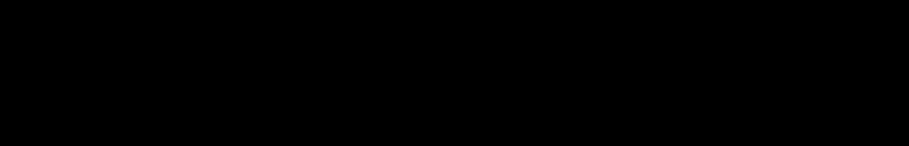
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Emergency Assessment Unit colleagues:



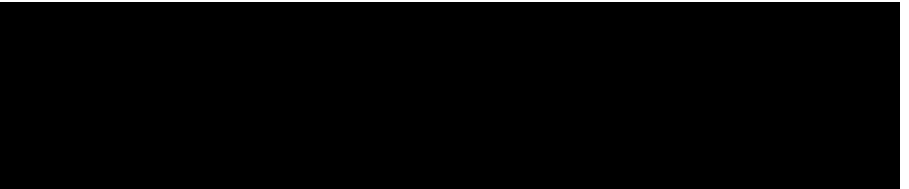
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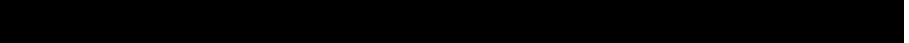
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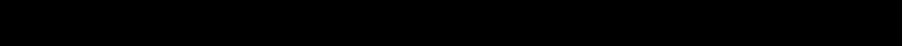
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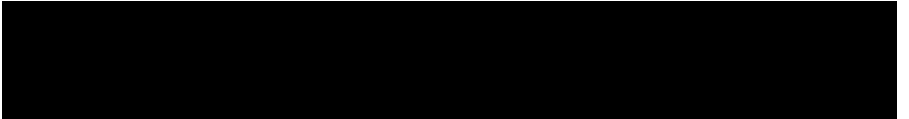
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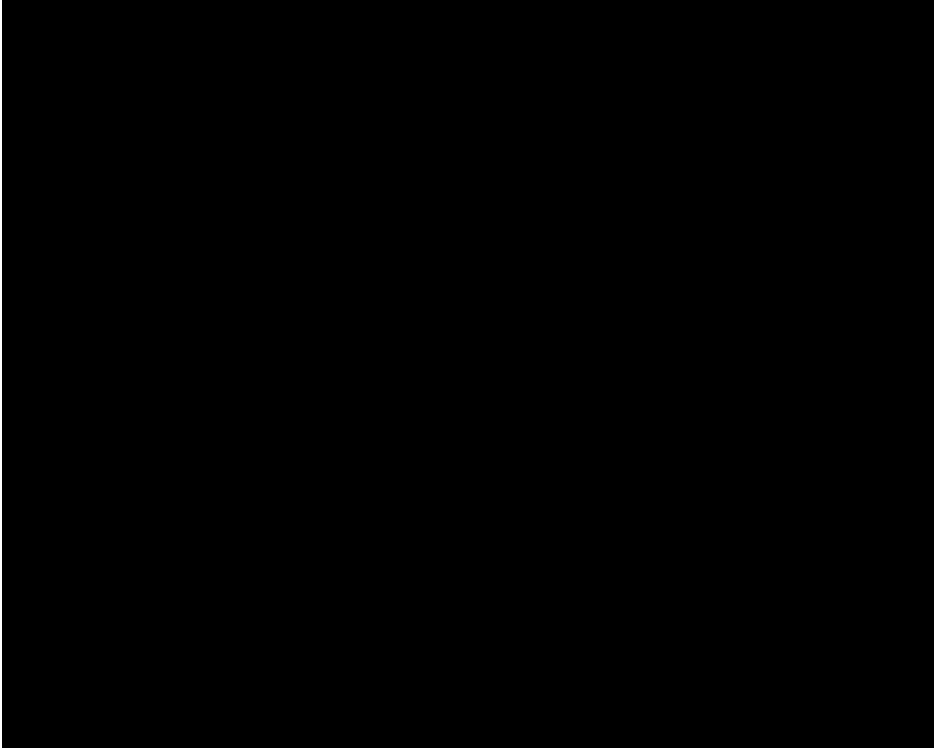
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Rozel Ward colleagues:



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