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Subject: Linwood Health Centre

Please see attached a statement I am issuing today with regard to Linwood Health Centre.

Robert Calderwood

Chief Executive

NHSGGC statement regarding Linwood Health Centre

NHSGGC has not withdrawn plans for the development of a new Health Centre in Linwood.

In early 2008 NHSGGC were invited by Tesco to be part of an innovative development in Linwood. As part of the whole site development on Linwood Shopping Centre Tesco made a public commitment to fund and build a new Health Centre for the people of Linwood.

NHSGGC agreed to this development which would have required us to vacate the current Health Centre. Whilst Tesco made a commitment to fund the full build costs of the new Health Centre, NHSGGC also set aside new funding to meet additional running costs. By 2009 we had a design for this new Health Centre in place together with plans for the services that would be provided from it.

Tesco approached us in July this year indicating that they could no longer commit to the original plans to build a new Health Centre as a result of the wider economic downturn. They instead offered NHSGGC £500,000 to fund improvements to the existing Health Centre.

NHSGGC accepts that in these difficult times hard decisions need to be made and is committed to working with Tesco, their architects and agents to provide the best possible solution to improve health care facilities on the Linwood site.

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