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1st February 2012

Dear <<Title>> <<Surname>>,

Re: Statement from the Trustees of the Daughters of the Cross

Today, 1st February 2012, is the occasion of the Senior Officers', Supervisors' and Sisters' meetings. On Thursday 2nd February 2012 the meeting of the Heads of Departments of St Raphael's Hospice will take place. As is usual, these meetings begin with the Team Brief and today, as part of the Team Brief Process, I shall draw the attention of all staff to the important attached statement from Sr Veronica, Sister Provincial of the English Province of the Daughters of the Cross. Not all staff of St Anthony's and St Raphael's, however, will be working on these two days and I am accordingly sending this letter to the homes of all staff, contracted and bank, who work on this site, together with volunteers, consultants and other interested parties.

Sr Veronica is Chairman of the Trustees of the Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross and her Statement lays out the decisions which the Trustees have had to take, in the light of the average age of the Sisters being 79 and the decreasing numbers of Sisters in the English Province. I am sure that you will respect that decision and the grounds for it.

I should like to emphasise that St Anthony's will remain a Hospital and St Raphael's will remain a Hospice, whoever the future owners may be. Both organisations enjoy an enviable reputation, which is very largely due to their excellent staff and there is no reason why the working environment should be adversely affected by any initial uncertainty or by the simple fact of alternative ownership. It would be folly for any new owner to interfere with the culture and spirit of St Anthony's and St Raphael's, as it is this ethos which has so contributed to the success of both organisations.

We shall keep you informed of developments, but in the meantime can I urge you to adopt a business-as-usual approach and continue your work in the way that has brought so much credit to both organisations over the years.

Yours sincerely,

Mr B M N Clarke
Hospital Director and Hospice Manager