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By email: Len.Richards@wales.nhs.uk

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Dear Len

Further to our recent meetings relating to the planning and development of "UHW2" on the Heath Park site, I wanted to write to express my commitment, on behalf of Cardiff University, to working with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board as it embarks on this major project.

Over a period of very many years our two organisations have collaborated to train healthcare professionals and to also undertake health-focused research, development and innovation activities. This has resulted in the provision of highly skilled healthcare professionals and advances in diagnostic technologies, interventions and overall patient management that have significantly benefited public health and wellbeing in Cardiff and more widely in Wales and beyond.

Recently, we have further cemented our relationship as exemplified by the establishment of our Clinical Innovation Partnership and associated multidisciplinary team that has assisted over 170 health-related projects to date, the highly successful joint venture acquisition of the Cardiff Medicentre that routinely has >90% occupancy, our joint initiative on precision medicine that has led to Cardiff being regarded as one of six centres of excellence by UKRI-KTN and also the establishment of the Joint Research Office that began its activities in January this year.

In the context of our discussions, I believe we both recognise that the proposed UHW2, the University's recent purchase of the adjacent "Heath Park West" land and our collective intent to re-develop our respective sites, provide us with a major opportunity to enhance our partnership further. The prospect of complementarity in



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the re-development of these sites also offers a unique opportunity for Wales through the creation of a major academic health science and clinical centre that will enable a step-change in the provision of patient care, health research and industry partnership capability.

In light of the above, I wish to confirm my full support for the development of UHW2 and am delighted that you wish Cardiff University to be part of the planning process through our existing Joint Steering Group and the newly established Programme Board for the UHW2 project. In this way we can identify further synergies and opportunities for the potential creation of a major academic and clinical centre on the wider Heath Park site.

With best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin Riordan', written in a cursive style.

Professor Colin Riordan
Vice-Chancellor