

**SOUTHAMPTON HEALTH OVERVIEW
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Val Sevier,
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Dear Ms Sevier

ANTELOPE HOUSE

I am writing to you as Chair of the Southampton Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel. At our meeting on 22 June 2011 the Panel were consulted by Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust regarding proposals for the change of use of ten beds at Antelope House adult mental health unit. The proposal is that the 10 beds are provided for service users with reablement needs whose illness also means they have challenging behaviour. This function is currently provided at Abbots Lodge in Netley which is due to close as part of this and a related proposal.

At the meeting the Panel agreed that they were content for the proposal to go forward without formal consultation. However, the Panel are aware of the recent CQC inspection of Antelope House which raised concerns in relation to the following outcome areas:

- Outcome 04 - Care and welfare of people who use services
- Outcome 07 - Safeguarding people who use services from abuse
- Outcome 14 - Supporting staff

The Panel have already had a short discussion regarding the inspection of Antelope House with Southern Health and a joint meeting of Southampton and Hampshire HOSCs is being arranged to discuss the inspection report, resulting action plan and how we can work with Southern Health to ensure improvements are made.

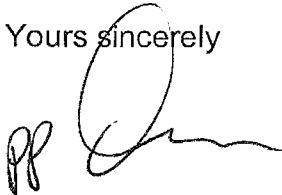


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My reason for writing is to seek the views of CQC regarding the appropriateness of the proposal in the light of the findings of the recent inspection. The panel are particularly concerned about the capacity of Antelope House to manage the care of this difficult client group and would welcome any advice on how this proposal should be progressed or otherwise.

I look forward to hearing for you on this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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Cllr Vincenzo Capozzoli
Chair, Southampton Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel

CC: Katrina Percy, Chief Executive, Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust;
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