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To Whom It May Concern,

RE: Lovelong House

My name is Dr Jesseca Bannerman. I am a GP in Worthing, who along with 2 other colleagues are planning to provide medical services to residents at Lovelong House. Having previously been a GP at Arun Medical Group for 3 years, I am personally aware of the needs of the population in Littlehampton. I feel that this service would be greatly beneficial for residents, initially providing inpatient alcohol detox, but also with a view to helping achieve long term sobriety with community therapy, as well as the vision that Jenny Ratcliff and Gary Long have to provide employment and a future for people who have struggled with addiction.

In terms of my clinical role, I and the other GPs plan to provide an initial assessment, ensuring that residents are medically fit, and to help provide a detox regime. Dr Tim Rank, a consultant psychiatrist, is also on board, and will be able to provide psychiatric assessment and treatment for patients. This joint working will be a tremendous asset for the local population, as psychiatric assessment is extremely difficult to access when there is co-existing alcohol misuse. All doctors involved in this have previously worked in addiction services, with Dr Rank having worked at the Priory, and the GP team also working at Recovery Lighthouse, an inpatient detox facility in Worthing.

Having had personal experience, Jenny and Gary are extremely committed and passionate about this project, and we are all excited to work with them in Littlehampton

Yours faithfully,

Sent unsigned to avoid delay

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