Dear Jim

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to look around Clitheroe Hospital, last Friday.

I would particularly like to thank your Craig Henderson, for his passionate tour. His enthusiasm for the new build was quite infectious and he should be commended for his attention to detail and for the courtesy I was shown.

Words could not describe the sheer Joy and Pride I felt, whilst walking around the new Clitheroe hospital. For the Patients of the Ribble Valley and beyond and for the hard working ELHT staff, this new facility has been a long time coming and I felt privileged to have been given the opportunity to have a look around – and look around I did!

It soon became apparent that every attention to detail – every nuance – has been considered with patients in mind. As I sit here writing this to you – I am smiling, from ear to ear, as I recount my visit. Being a Clitheroe Lad – born and bred – I know how absolutely important this new facility will be to the People of Clitheroe and to Patients across the Ribble Valley. It is my hope that your new build will continue to deliver excellent care and services to patients for many years to come and that the Wards of the hospital will play a pivotal role in the recovery of the many elderly patients who will be cared for here. Absolutely Brilliant!!

I have absolutely no reservations in placing a very firm stamp of approval on your new Hospital and would like to personally thank the Trust, on behalf of Patients everywhere, for its’ vision and for the hard work in making this dream, a reality. You should all be very proud and I would like to wish you, The Trust, The Board of Directors and the present and future staff who will provide care at the hospital, the very best wishes for the future. Congratulations to you all.

I would be grateful if you could share this with your board and media colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

Russ McLean

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