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| <b>Date</b>     | 25 November 2015   |
| <b>To</b>       | London Borough of Bromley  |
| <b>From:</b>    | King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust   |
| <b>Subject:</b> | <b>STATEMENT</b><br><b>Response to proposal to vary operating hours at Biggin Hill Airport</b> |

The experience of our patients at the Princess Royal University Hospital (PRUH) is an absolute priority for the Trust and we take any issues that may impact on this very seriously, including external noise.

It is with this in mind that we have closely examined proposals by Biggin Hill Airport Ltd to increase operating hours and liaised with relevant parties to ascertain any impact of these proposals on noise levels at the hospital.

We have recently reviewed the findings of a new noise study at the hospital undertaken at our request. Following this review we acknowledge that the noise levels at the hospital do not exceed levels deemed reasonable as set out by the Government in the Aviation Policy Framework. This means that although noise may be experienced it is not at a level where the Trust could request intervening action.

We also recognise that Biggin Hill Airport Ltd has developed a comprehensive noise action plan that includes setting a long term maximum limit for noise that if implemented correctly will protect the hospital against noise levels that exceed the Government's criterion. We will be monitoring the implementation of the noise action plan closely.

In the long term the Trust will continue to work with both the airport and the council to reduce noise levels at the hospital with an aim of improving conditions for our patients.