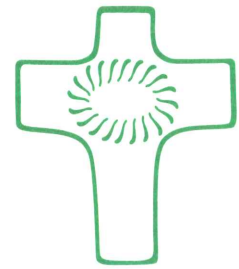


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STATEMENT from the TRUSTEES

Re: Future planning for St. Anthony's and St. Raphael's

The Daughters of the Cross have been running St Anthony's Hospital since 1904 and St Raphael's Hospice since 1987. Due to the increasing age of our Sisters and our decreasing number, we are in the midst of the long-term process to find alternative, self-sufficient futures for all of the Works of the Charity, including St Anthony's Hospital and St Raphael's Hospice. Our top priority has been, and remains, finding the best possible future for each of the Works, so that they can continue to provide much needed and valuable services to the community.

We have been planning for the future of the Works in England and Ireland since the early 1990s and we have worked with staff and the local community, in a variety of locations, to ensure appropriate futures which meet the needs of all groups involved. In the same way, we are now seeking to find other organisations to take over the ownership and management of St Anthony's and St Raphael's. Several Works, including St Michael's Hospital and St Julia's Hospice in Cornwall, have already been successfully transferred and continue to thrive.

Although the work of St Anthony's and St Raphael's is closely interlinked at the moment, it is likely that establishing a new future for St Anthony's will be the first step. The hospital provides quality healthcare in state-of-the-art facilities and these will need continued, long-term development. As the average age of the Sisters is 79 and membership is decreasing, the Trustees are simply not in a position to undertake the responsibility of managing the required changes.

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To help us in this process, we have commissioned Mr Mark Gerold and his team from Ernst & Young to visit the Cheam site and consider what actions need to be taken in order to prepare for the future of both the hospital and the hospice. Over the coming weeks they will meet with senior managers at St Anthony's and St Raphael's, prior to producing his report.

As you may imagine, it is very difficult for the Sisters to contemplate and accept a future where we have no role in the management of St Anthony's or St Raphael's, particularly after our enduring presence on this site for 108 years.

We want to assure everyone associated with St Anthony's and St Raphael's that we will consider all appropriate options and are confident we will find good outcomes for the patients, staff and local community.

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Sr Veronica Hagen

Chair of Trustees

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1 February 2012