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Dear Peter,

Re:

I am writing to you hoping that you can support me in what has become a challenging issue.

Last year you and I spoke about the very inappropriate, or at the very least, misguided behaviours of a group of men dressing in nurses uniforms and pushing a bed round Ludlow to raise money for the League of Friends.

I know that you understand that while their intentions were laudable, the presentation of men dressed as female nurses in a highly sexualised and demeaning way is wrong, very outdated and insulting to the profession.

I see that this behaviour has occurred again this year. Men in 'fancy dress' portraying nurses in particular, but also other healthcare staff in a totally demeaning manner with the purpose of raising money for the hospital.

I was clear last year when we met, that Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust didn't condone this activity and wanted no part of it. I am sure you have played no part in it.

However the Trust, the Chairman and I on behalf of our services in Ludlow Hospital cannot accept any charitable funds from the League of Friends associated with this event. I hope you understand why.

We remain eternally grateful for the support you personally and the League of Friends give to the hospital. I hope I have your support on this matter.

I have enclosed the link to the article and picture in case you haven't seen it.

I am happy to discuss face to face if helpful.

Yours sincerely

Jan Ditheridge
Chief Executive

Mike Ridley
Chairman

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