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Dear Maurice

Continued Support to SCAS

Thank you for meeting up last week and it was a pleasure to present with another medal (you now have 2 so are catching me up!) in recognition to the continue support you are giving SCAS and the health economy in general in the use of facilities for storage.

As confirmed we are still in requirement of storage for medical equipment, specialist equipment and PPE. As you are aware we also supported the Hampshire and IoW Local Resilience Partnership which includes Hampshire County Council for the storage of PPE during the COVID challenges. They no longer require this but SCAS has agreed that if the need arises again that we will be able to offer support and we couldn't do this without your continued support.

As you know winter pressures are now upon us and there is still the risk of increasing COVID which brings additional pressures within the Health Care system as well as SCS. Therefore, we are extremely grateful that you continue to offer us the support of your storage facilities as we are challenge with space within our sites, and your facilities offer secure and 24/7hr access.

The continued ability to be able to store both 999 ambulance's and Rapid Response Cars is invaluable as we need vehicle resilience to increase capacity if required going through the winter period.

I have recently been in contact with the Coms Church Charity which you helped with the storage of a decommissioned SCAS 999 ambulance two years ago waiting for export to Uganda. They are extremely grateful that yet again you will be able to store more ambulances for the new ventures that they are supporting. They are now involved with support medical services through their Charity in Kenya and Zimbabwe as well as Uganda. SCAS is supporting with supplying 8 ex 999 ambulances and the need for secure storage is invaluable as the challenges with coordinating the shipping of these vehicles doesn't always go to plan and can be delayed.

I think it is paramount for me to thank you for this support as you are part of a team that support civilians in other countries that are less fortunate than us in how medical services and care are available/provided and working with the Coms Church Charity will help the care given to be a little more positive. I believe that you should be very proud to be able to assist in this, as I know from speaking to the Coms Church Team the correspondence they receive back from the communities the vehicles etc go to and it is a 'tear jerker'.

Also thank you for allowing SCAS to store the 999 ambulances which we sent across to Ukraine on behalf of the UK Government and DH which was at very short notice. I know that everybody involved in supporting Ukraine are truly grateful and thank you for allowing any other vehicles and equipment that may be required supplied by SCAS to be able to be stored at your facilities should the need arise.

Once again on behalf of SCAS and the patients we serve thank you for your continued support we are all extremely grateful.

Kindest regards

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