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**Assura plc**

**Statement re Firm Offer from PHP**

The Board of Assura plc ("Assura") notes the announcement by Primary Health Properties plc ("PHP") under Rule 2.7 of the Takeover Code regarding its firm intention to make a share and cash offer for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Assura (the "PHP Offer").

The Board of Assura is currently reviewing the PHP Offer with its advisers. A further announcement will be made in due course. In the meantime, shareholders are advised to take no action.

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