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Hazel Grove Constituency



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Karin Smyth MP
Minister of State for Health (Secondary Care)
39 Victoria Street
London SW1H 0EU

RE: Impact of service relocation to Stepping Hill Hospital

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you regarding the relocation of all outpatient services from Buxton hospitals, with patients from across the High Peak being sent to Stockport for their appointments.

Ophthalmology, ear, nose and throat, rheumatology, gynaecology, urology, respiratory care, surgical, diabetes and the pain clinic would be relocating to Stepping Hill from the end of March.

We have corresponded extensively on the backlog of repair work at Stepping Hill Hospital, currently estimated by the Trust at £138 million, and while I am grateful for your openness to dialogue, the funding that has been made available is a fraction of that requirement.

I am deeply concerned that at a time when Stepping Hill requires urgent improvements to its estate in order to be able to cope with the burdens placed upon it, this transfer of services cannot but worsen this situation.

It furthers the case for a second site for Stepping Hill Hospital in order to manage the weight of services that are demanded from a modern 21st century NHS hospital; not the pre-NHS buildings that make up part of the current estate.

I look forward to further dialogue with you to further the opportunities to deliver both the critical funding required for repairs, and to develop a strategy to deliver an additional second site for the hospital.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Smart".

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