Dear Daniel,

Re: St. Helier consultation

Following your engagement process, I understand that St. Helier Hospital is at risk of losing all acute services, including major accident and emergency as well as consultant led maternity services. As the Member of Parliament for Tooting, I am extremely concerned about the impact this closure would have on St. George’s Hospital.

The loss of acute services at St. Helier would force an even greater number of people to use the already stretched services at St. George’s Hospital. This could lead to breaking point.

Many of the local residents near to St. Helier would find it easier to travel to hospital services at St. George’s than other South London hospitals. I have been informed by Siobhain McDonagh, MP for Mitcham and Morden, that many of her local residents have told her they would access St. George’s acute services if St. Helier’s were to move to Epsom or Belmont.

There are a number of services that are already split between St. George’s Hospital and St. Helier and I am aware that a number of Tooting residents could lose out on care that they vitally rely on.

St George’s Hospital is already under immense pressure. Having spoken to St. George’s Hospital, I would like assurances that their services will not be disadvantaged as a result of any changes to the care provided by St. Helier’s.

I would be grateful if you could take the above points into consideration and keep me updated on the findings of the consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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