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Dear David,

Re: Abolition of CHCs: Staffing/Resources for Patients' Forums

Thank you for your letter of 2 December.

Although I am grateful for the information provided therein, I am writing to tell you of my surprise and disappointment at your refusal to meet me and other concerned colleagues about this issue.

You agreed to meet me when I approached you in the Lobby at the beginning of November. My Diary Secretary rang your office to set up a date and was asked to put the request in writing. I thought this was just a formality as you had already promised me a meeting, and I wrote to you on 5 November. More than four weeks later, you wrote refusing to meet me. In over five years of service in this House, I cannot recall any other occasion when a Minister refused to meet me having previously committed to doing so.

As Secretary of the All Party Group on CHCs, I drew your letter to the attention of members present at the AGM of the All Party Group on 4 December and concern was expressed at your dismissal of my request. I believe the Chair of the Group, Patrick Hall will be writing to you to explore whether you may be inclined to meet him and other members as we remain concerned about this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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