

HOUSE OF COMMONS LONDON SW1A 0AA

The Rt Hon Stephen Kinnock MP Minister of State Department of Health and Social Care 39 Victoria Street London SW1H 0EU

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Dear Minister.

I am writing to you on behalf of a group of my constituents in Whitehill and Bordon in my constituents who are growing increasingly concerned about the future of local healthcare services in their area.

For some years now, the towns have been told they are set to receive a state-of-the-art modern facility – a new 'Health Hub' – designed to expand the health care provision. The Integrated Care Board (ICB) has begun moving services away from the existing Chase Community Hospital in anticipation of this new infrastructure, which is in part related to the wider major redevelopment of Bordon.

There are growing concerns among my constituents that the stripping of services away from The Chase before the new Hub is completed will leave the towns without sufficient healthcare provision in the interim.

I support the new Hub, and while I would in principle like to see The Chase retained to help improve access to other services including NHS dentistry or social care, I acknowledge this is unlikely as the future of the building itself lies in the hands of the ICB and NHS England.

However, it is unacceptable that my constituents in this area now feel they are at risk of losing their healthcare provision while the Hub remains yet to built.

As you may know, I asked your colleague, the Minister for Public Health and Prevention, in the House to call on the ICB to either move forward with the construction of the Hub or renovate The Chase.

I am writing to you to again call on the Government to support my constituents in Whitehill and Bordon and ask your officials to meet with me and the ICB as a matter of urgency to establish a way forward for the town.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours ever.

Gregory Stafford MP

Member of Parliament for Farnham and Bordon