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Dear Mr Slack

Provision of Minor Injuries Services in Wincanton Area

I am seeking clarification about the trigger points for upgrading local minor injuries treatment services in the Wincanton area. I chair a multi-agency group that is proactively monitoring and responding to issues arising from the significant expansion of the town as 2 new key sites are nearing completion creating several hundred new homes. The population of the town exceeds 5,000 people and it also serves a substantial rural catchment area.

Previously Wincanton Community Hospital provided a daytime minor injuries service. I have been told that this was not viable as a service delivered at the hospital and so it recently transferred to the new Medical Centre on the outskirts of the town, providing slightly enhanced access during surgery hours. Following concerns raised about the limited injury service, the group has researched the availability of accident and MIU services within a 20-mile radius of the town. You will see from the attached table that there is a considerable journey time for injured people to get treatment during the evenings and at weekends.

I am contacting you to obtain details of your policy standards for this type of service and to ascertain if growth of Wincanton justifies a review of the current services provided? Please would you pass this letter to the relevant department and I look forward to a reply by the end of November, in advance of our next meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Weeks'.

Nick Weeks
Chairman – Area East Committee

cc: Janet Loe

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