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The Rt Hon Wes Streeting MP
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care
Department of Health and Social Care
Ministerial Correspondence and Public Enquiries Unit

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Dear Secretary of State,

Re: New Hospital Programme Review

I am writing again in relation to the New Hospital Programme Review, for which the two hospitals that service my constituents (Eastbourne District General Hospital and Conquest Hospital) are in scope.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for arranging to meet with all MPs with schemes in scope of the review.

In that meeting, we were assured that the Department would be in a better place to elaborate on the timescales of the review after the Autumn statement set out the financial situation. While we were reassured by the statement in the budget that schemes will be delivered through a rolling programme of major investment, questions still remain around the timescales and budgets. I believe that clarity is essential for maintaining the confidence of the community and stakeholders alike.

The business cases for both hospitals are progressing well, and the case for EDGH is now well advanced. Growing uncertainty around increasing construction costs risk these projects stalling if the New Hospital Programme Review continues with no end in sight.

It is crucial that a clear timeline for the conclusion of the review and when these projects will be delivered is established to address the concerns of stakeholders and residents.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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