

Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care
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Dear Victoria,

We are writing to you today as MP and candidate for Wimbledon regarding children's cancer services at St George's Hospital.

Stephen recently wrote to you separately as part of a group of cross-party MPs regarding the decision to move children's cancer services out of Southwest London to The Evelina at Waterloo.

St George's has decades of expertise on children's cancer services and strong inter-departmental relationships with world-class neurosurgery, oncology, and cell therapy teams. Children with cancer currently benefit massively from this integrated service and the move to the Evelina risks these long-established links.

Furthermore, as the primary paediatric cancer hospital for the Southeast of England, any site conducting children's cancer services needs to be easily accessible by car. Clearly the Evelina is not. For many Wimbledon constituents, especially in the south of the constituency, driving is the only option for accessing critical services, particularly at night.

Stephen has met with St George's CEO Jacqueline Totterdell on numerous occasions since the consultation on this move was announced. He has also met with NHS London to understand their reasons for consulting on the move in the way they did, giving weight to focus groups rather than quantitative data. Following these meetings and having discussed the reasons we have heard we are clear that this was both the wrong decision-making process, and the wrong decision.

We would be most grateful for the opportunity to meet with you to discuss our concerns. We encourage your officials to look closely again at this decision.

Thank you.

Yours ever,



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