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Dear Mr Turner,

Grantham Hospital

In view of the latest threat to services, we are calling on United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust and South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group to publish their plans for the future of healthcare at Grantham Hospital.

We have recently learned that the hospital's nurse-led Minor Injuries Unit, which operates from 6.30pm to 11pm, is the latest service that could be removed. In August 2016 a decision was taken to close the hospital's A&E department overnight, leaving the town and surrounding district without a full emergency department from 6.30pm to 8am. This closure was supposed to be temporary but, as you are aware, is still in place.

Residents fear that Lincoln, Boston or Peterborough are too far away and they will not receive emergency treatment in time, should they require it. There is widespread dismay at the failure to re-open A&E overnight, and the potential loss of the MIU service that was introduced to replace it only adds to the sense that there is a policy in place to erode healthcare provision in this area.

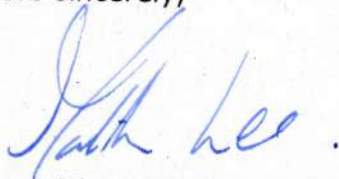
There is cross-party political support for a return of 24-hour provision to Grantham and frustration at the lack of engagement to discuss progress towards that ambition and the seeming indifference of both ULHT and the CCG.

It is time for both to finally publish their long-term plans for Grantham Hospital so members of the public can have their say on the future of their health services.

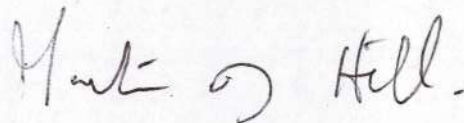


We would be grateful for your urgent attention and look forward to receiving a reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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