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Ministerial Correspondence and Public Enquiries Unit
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Dear Matt,

We are writing to you to express concern about a change in provider for PET-CT Scans in Oxfordshire.

The world class service is currently provided by Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (OUHFT) at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford. It serves thousands of patients every year from across Oxfordshire and its bordering counties. NHS England ran recently a procurement procedure and announced private provider, InHealth, would take over the running of the service. This has led to wide-scale concern over the safety and outcomes for patients in Oxfordshire which we share as the local MPs. Last month, the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) referred this matter to you, outlining the issues with a change in provider.

We are very concerned over the lack of transparency surrounding the procurement process. The local CCG and Oxfordshire's joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee was not consulted and there was no communication with key parties, including Members of Parliament.

We are particularly worried about whether this change of procurement will result in a diminution of the high-quality service provided by OUHFT. Medical professionals working on the Churchill Hospital site also share this view, particularly given the level of expertise in the team. An additional mobile service, as suggested by InHealth, will not offer the accuracy of the current scanner, already afforded to patients in and around the county.

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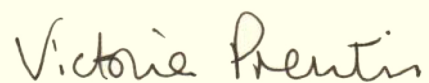
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We would be grateful for an opportunity to meet you to discuss further our concerns about the process and the future provision of PET-CT Scans in and around Oxfordshire.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Prentis". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Victoria Prentis MP

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