



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Mr David Smith
Chief Executive
Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Jubilee House
5510 John Smith Drive
Oxford Business Park
Cowley
Oxford OX4 2LH

17 August 2017

Dear David,

We are extremely disappointed with the Board's decision to downgrade the maternity unit at the Horton General Hospital. As you will be aware from our own submissions to your Phase One consultation, the Horton and the services it provides are vital to our constituents in Oxfordshire and Warwickshire.

You will know that prior to the meeting, Oxfordshire's Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee unanimously agreed to refer the permanent downgrade to the Secretary of State pending the Board's decision. We understand that HOSC is now in the process of preparing this referral.

Given that there are now three referrals to the Secretary of State as well as an ongoing judicial review appeal brought by four councils, we believe it would be improper for the Clinical Commissioning Group to implement the Board's decision until proceedings have run their course. We urge you not to make any changes for the time being and would welcome assurances to this effect from both the CCG and the Trust.

Yours,

Victoria Prentis MP

Robert Courts MP

Nadhim Zahawi MP