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Our Ref: ZA5478

21 February 2017

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Re: Ward 15 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital

I am writing to you regarding the proposed changes to Children's Ward 15 in the Royal Alexandra Hospital, announced by Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board today.

I have grave concerns about how the consultation has been conducted and I would be grateful if you would consider holding a full review into this process so far.

Ward 15 is used by many of my constituents regularly, and many of them have approached me to share their concerns about these proposed changes.

I disagree fundamentally with proposal to move inpatient care, day surgery and short-stay medical assessment out of Paisley and into Govan. I am sure you will understand that for those constituents who access these services from the surrounding villages of Renfrewshire find it difficult enough to access public transport into nearby Paisley, never mind having to travel even further afield.

I would ask that before you make a decision on these proposals that you come to

Renfrewshire and meet with some of the families who will be adversely affected by any such changes.

I hope you will take the points I have raised into consideration and I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



Mhairi Black MP

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From: Mhairi Black MP [<mailto:mhairi.black.mp@parliament.uk>]
Sent: 23 March 2017 11:48
To: Scottish Ministers
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Subject: (Case Ref: ZA5478)

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

I am writing to suggest times and dates for a meeting in Paisley with the campaigner's of the RAH Ward 15 closure. Would any of the below be suitable?

Friday 28th April 4 pm
Friday 5th May 11 am
Friday 19th May 2 pm

The Paisley YMCA has very kindly offered the use of a room for the meeting to take place, they have asked if possible we could confirm by Monday 27th March which date we would like in order for them to free up the others.

Kind Regards

Toni

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Ms Mhairi Black MP
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28March 2017

Dear Ms Mhairi Black MP,

Thank you for your letter of 21 February about NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's proposals to move paediatric inpatient, day case and short stay medical assessment services from Royal Alexandra Hospital to Royal Hospital for Children.

Ms Robison would be happy to accept your invitation. The Cabinet Secretary plans to visit Paisley on 19 May to meet with local parents and campaigners to hear their views first hand, before coming to a final decision. The Meeting will be held at The Paisley YMCA. Please contact Ms Robison's Diary Secretary, Jordan Blackie on cabsechealth@gov.scot to finalise arrangements.

Yours Sincerely,

J Blackie
LYNN LAVERY
PP Private Secretary

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Our Ref: AK/TA0393

1 May 2017

Dear Shona,

Re: Closure of RAH Ward 15

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who recently contacted me regarding the proposed closure of
Ward 15 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

[REDACTED] has expressed concerns over the proposal, as her family rely on the
support from Ward 15 staff for her daughter, [REDACTED]

My constituent has praised the Ward 15 staff for their care, which has allowed her
family to feel at ease. [REDACTED] fears that the services offered by the Royal Hospital
for Children may not be as accessible as before.

I am hoping you could provide some reassurance that I can share with my
constituent.

Yours sincerely

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Your ref: AK/TA0393
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17 May 2017

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your letter of 1 May on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED] expressing concerns about the future of paediatric inpatient and day case services at Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH).

Please be assured I have noted your constituents concerns. As you know, the role of the Scottish Government is to provide policies, frameworks and resources to NHS Boards, in order that they can plan and deliver the services that meet the needs of their local population. The actual planning and provision of healthcare services is the responsibility of local Health Boards, taking into account national policies and frameworks, as well as local service needs and priorities for investment.

Within this context, the Scottish Government expects all NHS Boards to review services and facilities regularly to ensure they continue to reflect local needs and provide the best quality healthcare services. In terms of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's proposal to move in-patient and day case paediatrics from the RAH to the new Royal Hospital for Children, as you note the Health Board's decision to approve the proposed changes was agreed at their meeting of 21 February. Under the proposals outpatient services, the specialist Community Paediatric service (PANDA), and emergency care for those who self-refer would remain at the RAH. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde submitted their proposals to me on 14 March. I will be reviewing the proposals carefully and I have agreed to meet with local campaigners to hear their views first-hand, before coming to a final decision. As in all such cases, I take full account of all the available information, including the report from the independent Scottish Health Council and representations made, before coming to a final decision.

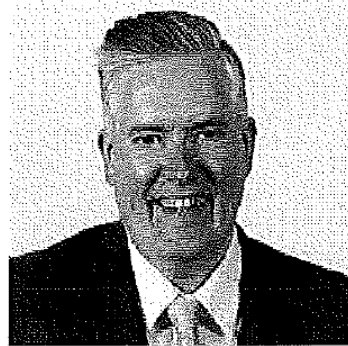
I hope my reply is helpful to you and your constituent.

*Best wishes
Shona*

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Our Ref: GA3308

17 October 2016

Re: RAH

I am writing on behalf of a constituents who recently contacted me regarding the pre-consultation about changes to the Royal Alexandria Hospital in Paisley.

I must make clear that these proposals were not what I was led to believe. I had been informed that ward 15 would remain in full operation and that emergency cases for young people would be taken directly to the Royal Hospital for children.

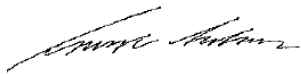
I would be interested to know about any research in to the impact of such a move on those with disabilities and low incomes being able to access the new hospital. I am well aware of bus services in the south of Paisley removing services which would have provided direct access to the hospital. This creates a great deal of time being used to get to an appointment and also leads to increased costs for many that really cannot afford these increases.

The capacity of the RCH for children which are currently using ward 15 must also be looked at.

Constituents have also expressed their concerns to me regarding ambulances and if there would be any changes which would result in increased delivery times to the new hospital as proposed.

I would appreciate if you could look in to these matters in order to keep my constituents well informed.

Yours sincerely

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Our Ref: GA3438

28 November 2016

Re: Ward 15, RAH

I am writing on behalf of a constituents who have some concerns about the on-going consultation on the proposals for the RAH in Paisley. I have been informed that during a visit from the Health Board to listen to parents about the proposed changes, parents were not just asked for their views. It appears when they raised concerns about travel they were informed that the hospital was not that far away and could be easily reached. When they expressed concerns about accessibility for visiting and the treatment that was offered the health board representative seemed to imply that the services at the new hospital was much improved compared to the RAH.

I am concerned about this, this should have been a listening exercise and noting of parents' concerns.

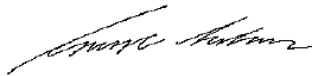
I have been informed that earlier this month there were only two free beds free at the children's hospital. At this time of year there is increased capacity needed within the health services. I have been told that if there were extra beds needed then Ward 15 at the RAH would be used. This raises the question about what would happen if Ward 15 was no longer there.

There are questions about the equipment that is required for children. I would like to know what equipment is necessary and held at the children's hospital which is not located at the RAH.

The RAH provides good quality care for our young people and I would not like to think that this is being challenged in any comparison with the children's hospital.

I would appreciate any information which will help my constituents understand the current situation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Adam', written in a cursive style.

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Dear Mr Adam

Firstly I must personally apologise that we have not replied to your letter of 11th January 2017.

Regrettably there was a breakdown in the process within the Board which should have seen the letter issued for reply and included in the report to the Board of issues raised in the engagement and consultation.

Although not seeking to minimise the error on our part I believe the points you raise about ambulance services, transport issues, capacity and financial support were all covered in the report to the Board and were carefully considered by the Board before arriving at its decision. On balance the Board felt the clinical benefits meant that we needed to support the submission of the proposed changes to the Cabinet Secretary although I can assure you we did recognise the strength of local feeling and the concerns of local families.

I know that after you wrote in you were able to be at the public event in Paisley where our clinical team explained the proposals in more detail, including covering the services which would be transferred and those which would remain at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. You will therefore be aware that self referrals can still present at the Royal Alexandra Hospital Emergency Department and be treated and discharged. Only children who require admission will be transferred to the Royal Hospital for Children. I hope that reassures you on that point.

I am very sorry that because of this administrative oversight your letter was not included in the report to the Board. I appreciate that this has put you in a difficult position by that omission and I would assure you that I have today issued a note to Board members indicating that error in the report and confirming that you were in touch with us raising concerns about the proposal. In addition will through our communications department issue a press release in clarification of your contribution to the consultation process in respect of paediatric services at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Calderwood'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Robert Calderwood
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Cc: John Brown CBE, Chairman NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde