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Dear Glen

I wanted to write to you following your appointment as Chief Executive of Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust. I look forward to working with you in a constructive manner.

As you may already know, the Alexandra Hospital has been my top priority ever since I was first elected.

Whilst I of course welcome the major multi-million-pound investment we've seen in the Alex in recent years, which includes a brand-new operating theatres, state-of-the-art robotic surgery, a brand-new Breast Imaging Unit, an expansion of endoscopy services and the return of the Garden Suite Chemotherapy Unit, I continue to believe it should be a hospital where women can give birth and where children can receive acute medical treatment.

This is what my constituents want too. I was re-elected in 2019 with an overwhelming mandate to fight for the return of a maternity and children's service, and since then I've set out comprehensive and realistic plans as to how I believe this can be achieved.

I have engaged extensively with your predecessors and with clinical staff on this, but I am keen to meet with you and Managing Director Stephen Collman as we work together to ensure my constituents receive the first-class healthcare they deserve.
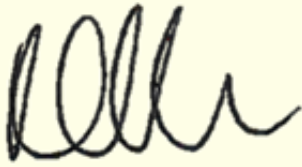
With the NHS receiving record amounts of funding and with an expanded workforce at the Acute Trust, I genuinely believe there must be an opportunity for the Trust to think again about how it delivers services at the Alex.

I've always believed in the art of the possible, and especially so given the Trust's current Clinical Services Strategy runs until 2025 – providing us with an opportunity to discuss what services should be provided at the Alex from 2025 and beyond.

As always, please thank your staff for everything they do to treat and care for my constituents in their time of need.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Rachel Maclean MP