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Dear Mark

**RE: MINOR INJURIES UNITS –HONITON & SIDMOUTH CONSTITUENCY**

Congratulations on your appointment to the ICB South West Cluster Board, and welcome to Devon.

I wrote to Libby Ryan-Davies in February about plans the NHS in Devon may have for community hospitals in the Honiton & Sidmouth constituency that I represent - at Axminster, Ottery St Mary, Honiton, Sidmouth and Seaton.

I trust that these important community assets remain safe from cutbacks or closures.

I also asked for assurances that minor injuries units at Honiton, Sidmouth and Axminster will remain open in their existing format. In her reply to me, Libby stated that it was too early to provide such detailed information, as a review of urgent care is being undertaken across Devon, in line with national guidance.

I note from the [link shared in her letter](#) that this NHS England guidance from 2023 advises “*to reduce the confusing mix of urgent care services including walk-in centres, minor injury units and urgent care centres.*”

As it is now two months since Libby’s reply, I would be grateful if you would confirm what progress has been made with the review. I also have the following questions:

- Who will be consulted, how will the engagement process be carried out, and how long will it take?

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- What is the proposed start date of the consultation?
- When might we expect for any changes to be implemented?

I would be grateful for a copy of the project review timetable deadlines, so I can better understand the review parameters and key decision-making dates. I am also hoping that the process will be conducted with maximum transparency. I look forward to sharing your response with constituents.

Many thanks for your help.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Foord'.

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