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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

FUNDING FOR LOCHGELLY AND KINCARDINE HEALTH CENTRES

As you will know, I have been raising the issue of funding for replacement health centres in Lochgelly and Kincardine for some time, based on the promises made by MSPs, Ministers and even the former First Minister that these much-needed replacements will be delivered.

When we last spoke on this matter, you acknowledged the ongoing need for replacement facilities at Lochgelly and Kincardine but pointed to ongoing financial difficulties as a reason for the delay in delivery.

I note that the Scottish Government is intending on making funding available for NHS capital projects, and funding has been confirmed for projects that include a replacement to Monklands Hospital in NHS Lanarkshire, the Belford Hospital in NHS Highland and to deliver a new Eye Pavilion elective centre in NHS Lothian.

The budget as announced does not have information on what other projects the Scottish Government intends to fund with this budget. As such, I am asking if you can advise on the status of both Lochgelly and Kincardine Health Centres and if they will benefit from this new funding in the next budget?

As you have now visited both Lochgelly and Kincardine Health Centres, you will be only too aware of the acute problems with both and the urgent need to replace these facilities. Indeed, NHS Fife described them as “older facilities that no longer meet the needs of the local populations” some time ago and the repeated commitments from MSPs and Ministers on delivering replacements for these facilities underlines how crucial these facilities are for the local communities. It is only right that those local communities know when they will be allocated funding.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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