



**HOUSE OF COMMONS**  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP  
Secretary of State for Health  
Department of Health

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017  
Ref: RAC/eq/D

Dear Minister,

RE DEER PARK MEDICAL CENTRE

Further to my previous letters on this subject, I feel that you ought to be updated with further developments surrounding the proposed closure of Deer Park Medical Centre.

Patients of Deer Park Medical Centre have today received a further letter from Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) which strongly urges them to reregister at a different practice as Deer Park will close on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

OCCG have further posted the attached article in the local newspaper, published today. As you will read, this states that **OCCG have received no communication from yourself** following the referral to you on 8<sup>th</sup> February by the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

I have been contacted by many of my constituents today who are understandably greatly concerned by these events. They are upset that they will be left with no access to a doctor and no place to transfer elsewhere should they continue to wait. They are unwilling to reregister until they learn of the outcome of this referral.

Please would you respond to this matter urgently? I am worried about patients who have been left in limbo and are fearing the worst for their surgery. I would strongly ask for this case to be sent to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) as soon as possible and I would be grateful for any communication about the progress of this matter.

At present, OCCG are intent on closing a practice whilst the IRP process is still ongoing.

The decision to close Deer Park should not be taken lightly without full consultation. It is of huge significance to the residents of Witney and I support their viewpoint that this is a vital community asset that should be retained. Deer Park is a practice well-loved by the people of West Witney and the surrounding villages. This is a hub of the community and its closure would cause a devastating blow.

Many thanks in advance and I look forward to your response.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Courts'.

**Robert Courts MP**