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Dear Mr Alexander,

Thank you for your letter of 22 January 2013, addressed to Jeremy Hunt, the Secretary of State for Health, setting out your concerns about the Trust Special Administrator (TSA) appointed to South London Healthcare NHS Trust (SLHT), in particular about his proposals that affect health care services provided in Lewisham.

As you are aware, the Secretary of State is very shortly due to announce his decision on the recommendations made to him by the TSA. He has taken the views of a wide range of people and stakeholders, which have an interest in this issue, including a meeting with local MPs on 14 January. He has also noted the issues you have set out.

The Secretary of State's primary concern in making this very difficult decision to secure a sustainable future for NHS services provided by SLHT is to protect the outcomes for the people of south east London.

He would like to re-emphasis the Government's priority, which is to ensure that the people of south east London continue to receive high quality, sustainable NHS services.

Yours sincerely

David Davies
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