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Dear Glen

I'm writing to you regarding the continuing fight to return a maternity and children's service to the Alexandra Hospital.

Before I begin, I want to say to you once again that I very much welcome the investment we have seen in the Alex in recent years. This includes the £18.8 million operating theatre complex, the Breast Imaging Unit, state-of-the-art robot assisted surgery and of course the return of the Garden Suite Chemotherapy Unit.

But turning to the campaign to return a maternity and children's service, I do appreciate we have already met twice to discuss this important issue since you became Chief Executive of Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, demonstrating your willingness to actively engage with me on returning services – something my constituents gave me a mandate to fight for at the last election.

It won't surprise you to hear that I believe we're heading in the right direction when it comes to building the strong case needed to return a maternity and children's service to the Alex.

This is based on the fact the Government is investing a record amount in the NHS, the next generation of NHS doctors are being trained at the Three Counties Medical School and NHS workforce headcount statistics show there are more doctors and nurses working for your Acute Trust than when I was first elected in 2017.

With all of this in mind, and based on our previous discussion when we last met, I'm keen to get a better understanding from you on what the birth rate or population size in Redditch needs to be before the Acute Trust will look again where it provides maternity services from.

I believe there must be a figure which triggers the Acute Trust to review its maternity services to ensure it is meeting the needs of the local population.

I look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Maclean'.

Rachel Maclean MP