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Dr Michael Jackson, OBE

27th January 2016

Dear Mr Jackson,

Thank you for your email dated 14th January.

I was very pleased to read about your experience, following your accident, at the Alexandra Hospital and I hope your ankle is now recovering well.

I always welcome hearing from constituents and particularly those who are contacting me for the first time, constituency correspondence is an indispensable part of maintaining our democracy, and my job would be very much harder, not to mention far less fulfilling, without it.

The recent Care Quality Commission report into services at the Alex was explicit in its praise of the staff working hard in difficult circumstances and understaffing. The main cause of concern, amongst others, was in the safety and leadership of the NHS Trust running the hospital. I completely agree that of the many constituents who contact me about health, the vast majority are in praise of the service and care they have received from staff.

Due to the lack of permanent staff at the Alex (a problem being addressed by placing the NHS Trust in 'Special Measures'), the hospital has been reliant on a large number of locum staff. Whilst this financial problem for the stability of the hospital must be resolved (locum staff are far more costly than permanent staff), I do not dispute the value of the service these employees provide. Indeed, I, and I'm sure many patients like yourself, are enormously grateful for their care.

Immigration plays a vital role in staffing of the NHS as a whole and I agree, we must be very careful in the debate on immigration to ensure we do not deter those who contribute to and benefit our society. However, we do also know that there

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have been too many people coming into the UK each year and abusing the system, which is what the Government is rightly working to address.

I hope this assures you of my position. Please do not hesitate to contact me if ever I can be of support.

Wishing you a speedy recovery.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a small horizontal stroke.

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