

Theresa May MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

The Edward Hain Hospital in St. Ives has now been closed for over a year and the NHS is being un-cooperative about it being re – opened, in spite of enormous anger and pressure from the local community.

This hospital was given to the town by Sir Edward Hain, a great benefactor, and it is not for the NHS to take it away.

It appears that Health Minister Jeremy Hunt is about to sign-off plans to force changes to local NHS services to cut costs. The plans could mean cuts to hospital beds, making waiting times longer, and cutting NHS staff

The plans - called a "capped expenditure process" - are being finished now and we are very suspicious that St Ives is on the shortlist of areas which could get the cuts.

The plans appear to be secret so it is impossible to say exactly which services could be at risk. But the scale of the threat is clear.

Cornwall is desperately short of these services. Treliske and Penzance hospitals are stretched beyond their capabilities with “ Black Alerts “ announced at Truro regularly.

No effort is made to temper the constant rise in population in our small towns and villages as this is forbidden under current EU legislation. Brexit must reflect this in its control of borders. We expect UK control to be implemented after the two year period of Article 50.

Meanwhile, please ensure the Edward Hain Hospital re-opens without further delay. Our MP, Derek Thomas, scraped back in by just 312 votes. UKIP did not put up a candidate in The General Election in order to try to facilitate this and the strategy appears to have been successful.

We are not so optimistic for next time if essential local issues such as the local hospital are not remedied as a matter of great urgency.

Yours Sincerely,

Stuart Guppy
Chairman

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