



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Wes Streeting
Department for Health and Social Care
39 Victoria St, London SW1H 0EU

29 October 2025

RE: Funding cuts for NHS services in Hazel Grove

Dear Secretary of State,

We are writing to express deep alarm at the news that £3bn of NHS costs are currently unfunded, and that your Departments have not agreed how extra NHS costs from strikes, NHS redundancies and higher drug prices will be met. It has raised the alarming spectre of local services, including GP surgeries and dentists across the Hazel Grove and Cheadle constituencies, and Stepping Hill Hospital, being forced to pay these huge sums.

The impact of millions of pounds of effective cuts for our local NHS trust and for every NHS trust in the country would be devastating.

It was the Government's decision to launch a costly reorganisation of the NHS, and to bend before President Trump's pressure by offering to pay more to US pharmaceutical giants. Our local health services are already at breaking point. Stepping Hill Hospital faces a reported £136 million backlog in repairs, with conditions seeing flooded corridors, and fixtures falling out of ceilings. To ask Stockport's NHS to divert funding from frontline care to fund the costs of your plans, which nobody voted for, would be completely unacceptable.

We therefore urge you to provide assurances that not a single penny will be lost from patient care here in Stockport due to this fiasco.

Furthermore, we would ask that you visit Stepping Hill hospital to understand the scale of the crisis in our health services here in Stockport and see for yourself the urgent need to protect funding.

Patients here in Hazel Grove and Cheadle have had enough. They should not have to suffer due to the government's weakness in the face of a capricious US President, nor a rushed, costly, NHS reorganisation.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Lisa Smart in blue ink.

Lisa Smart MP
Member of Parliament for Hazel Grove

Handwritten signature of Tom Morrison in blue ink.

Tom Morrison MP
Member of Parliament for Cheadle