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Mr Roy While
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Dear Mr While

Thank you for your letter of 26 August 2008 regarding Melksham Minor Injuries Unit.

Since the closure of Melksham Minor Injuries Unit we have not perceived any dissatisfaction with the service provided in Trowbridge and Chippenham. The standard of clinical care is in our judgement good and communication is effective. Most of our patients are able to differentiate between an acute problem that requires assessment at an MIU and one which requires assessment here at the Medical Centre. In cases of doubt our experience is that there are reception or nursing staff are able to advise accordingly.

It is not correct to say that we are disinterested in providing a minor injury service. The reality of the situation is that the PCT are not seeking to commission one from us on account of the current provision being adequate. If the situation were to change and if the PCT did seek to commission such a service we would undoubtedly be interested.

I hope this helps to clarify the situation for you.

Yours sincerely

Dr J P Simmons

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