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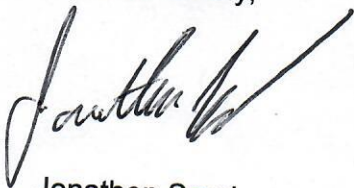
Dear Mrs Cox

The Melksham Area Board at its meeting on 6 January resolved to make representations of its concerns over the request by the Bradford on Avon and Melksham Health Partnership to close the St Damian's Surgery in Melksham.

Councillors are concerned that, although there are two other surgeries in Melksham, the closure of St Damian's may lead to a net reduction in local primary care services and the number of GPs and nurse practitioners in the Melksham area. The population is forecast to grow year on year and so new investment, not less, is required in NHS services to keep pace.

As the Chairman of the Area Board, I would like to receive assurance from you that these matters are receiving your closest scrutiny and that no decision to allow closure will be taken without alternative resources being allocated elsewhere in the town through the Giffords and Spa surgeries?

Yours sincerely,



Jonathon Seed
Wiltshire Councillor
Chairman Melksham Area Board