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Dear Mr Burke,

I am in receipt of the letter which you chose to send me regarding your plan to butcher services in my constituency and close Wanstead Hospital.

Although the letter was dated July 15th it was not received at my office until last Friday, oddly enough just before parliament went into recess. The enclosed consultation booklet gave a number of options and then revealed the option you wanted (ie: the closure of Wanstead Hospital). Moreover, the consultation closes on October 1st. **I do not regard this as a consultation in any meaningful way and I am asking you to extend the consultation period.**

I also notice that the letter is signed by Dr Mehul Mathukia, so one assumes that both you and Dr Mehta could not be bothered even to sign the letter to the relevant Member of Parliament.

When I met you and Dr Mehta on June 13th I asked you on three occasions to let me know of any decisions regarding Wanstead (at that time you claimed that even the decision to consult had not been made). You said that you would. Since then, I have heard nothing from you until your letter was received last Friday. Am I to assume that no decision of any kind was made until July 15th?

I did receive an email from Andy Strickland on July 9th which was obscurely worded. I had tried to impress upon you the importance of any decision regarding Wanstead at our meeting in June. Because of that and because of your own commitment, I had expected to hear from you as soon as *any* decision was made.

I have called both the numbers contained in your letter repeatedly. Thus far, no one has answered the phone.

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Your "consultation" booklet does not seem to be available either in local libraries or GP surgeries. It is on your website under a title so meaningless that most casual observers would not deduce its importance. Assuming that most of my constituents do not possess a crystal ball, this seems inadequate.

I will be organising a public meeting in the near future and I hope you or Dr Mehta or both to attend as this will form part of the consultation process as far as I am concerned.

I would welcome your comments on the concerns raised within this letter and I look forward to receiving a positive reply.

Yours sincerely

John Cryer MP