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Dear Michael

I refer to your letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> April advising that the overnight primary care emergency services in St Andrews, Glenrothes & Dunfermline intend to close with effect from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April. I recognise that patient safety is of paramount importance and accept that you obtained advice which supports your decision.

However, this leaves a number of questions to which both I and my constituents deserve answers to.

1. When were you advised when the current situation was unsafe?
2. If you knew the system was under strain, please detail what steps you have taken in the past 6 months to recruit GPs and additional staff?
3. What steps do you now propose to take to resume the out of hours service?
4. Can you guarantee that Glenrothes out of hours service will be reinstated as a matter of urgency?
5. How will this closure be communicated to the local community & what provisions are in place to facilitate transport to the Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy from Glenrothes in the interim?

I know that my constituents are not prepared to have Glenrothes out of hours service permanently closed by stealth. You may not be aware of the previous campaign in 2013/14 where the whole community came together to demand the service in Glenrothes and the surrounding area be retained. It is not acceptable in the long term for the Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy, nor does it make sense given the pressures on that hospital that every patient in Fife is directed there. I would welcome your assurances on this matter and await your response.

Yours sincerely

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