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Zachary Merton Hospital, Rustington – Formal Request for Intervention, Call-In and Immediate Pause on Disposal

Dear Secretary of State,

I had hoped to raise the future of Zachary Merton Hospital with you during Health and Social Care Questions today, but unfortunately I was not called by Mr Speaker.

On 2nd March, I wrote to your predecessor formally requesting that the decision to close Zachary Merton Hospital be called in for ministerial review. On 24th April, the Minister for Health acknowledged that request and confirmed that it was under consideration.

More than four months have now passed since my original letter, and residents are still waiting for a decision. I would therefore be grateful if you could confirm when I can expect a substantive response and whether the Department intends to reach a decision before the new Prime Minister takes office and the anticipated Cabinet reshuffle follows.

The closure remains a matter of significant concern locally. Residents deserve clarity on whether Ministers will intervene and ensure that the decision-making process receives the scrutiny it warrants.

I sincerely hope that you retain your position and have the opportunity to resolve this matter. Should the forthcoming reshuffle take you elsewhere, however, may I wish you every success for the future and ask that this request is handed over with the urgency it deserves.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Att: Letter to Rt Hon. Wes Streeting MP, 2nd March 2026