

Gareth Davies MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Professor Robert Harris
Chief Executive Officer
Lakeside Healthcare Group

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Dear Professor Harris,

I am writing on behalf of constituents who have recently been in touch with me to express their concerns with the latest decision by Lakeside Healthcare Group to close St Mary's Medical Centre in Stamford which has over 15,000 patients registered.

Many of those who have written in have raised concerns regarding the lack of communication between them and the Lakeside Healthcare Group over the decision to close it in order to merge with Sheepmarket Surgery in Stamford. It has also been brought to my attention that no public consultation had taken place beforehand.

I very much share their concerns about whether Sheepmarket Surgery can adequately accommodate the additional number of patients should this proposed merge occur. I have in the past received complaints about the long waiting times for both surgeries.

I would be grateful to hear your comments as to why the group has decided to close St Mary's Medical Centre and I would also welcome your thoughts on the particular concern raised by my constituents as to why a public consultation wasn't held.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gareth Davies'.

Gareth Davies MP