



## CATHERINE WEST MP

*Member of Parliament for Hornsey and Wood Green*

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Dear Dr Sauvage,

**Re: LUTS Clinic at Whittington Hospital**

We are writing to you regarding the Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms (LUTS) clinic at the Whittington Hospital.

We welcome the recent decision by the Board of the Whittington Hospital to re-open this clinic for new patient referrals. This is a really important step towards restoring this crucial health service to members of our communities.

We understand that the re-opening of the LUTS clinic is dependent upon conditions set by the CCG, including but not limited to:

- The admittance of a maximum of two new patients per week.
- New referrals can only be made by consultants not GPs.
- Existing GP referrals must be re-approved by a consultant.
- Referrals made more than 6 months ago must be renewed by a consultant.

We are deeply concerned that this specification does not effectively address the considerable backlog of patients that has resulted from the clinic's long term closure to new patients. Indeed, we fear it may well exacerbate the problem of patient waiting times, causing further distress to our constituents.

The limit of only two new patients per week is of particular concern- we would be keen to know how these two patients would be selected from a much larger pool of those suffering with recurring UTIs.

We understand that the four conditions set by the CCG and outlined above were not included in the Royal College of Physicians' recommendations report. It would be most helpful if you could confirm whether this is the case, and if so for what reasons did the CCG feel these four conditions were necessary.

Finally, please could you respond to the concerns we have outlined in this letter.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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