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The Rt Hon. Matt Hancock MP  
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care  
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Dear Matt,

**RE: NHS Dental Services**

I met recently with the Chair of the Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth Local Dental Committee, Dr Dharmen Patel, as well as Dr Martin Skipper who is the Head of Policy for the LDC Confederation, to discuss their concerns about decisions taken for dental services during the pandemic.

Following the debate in Parliament on the 14 January, which unfortunately I was unable to attend at the time, I have written to the Minister for Prevention, Public Health and Primary Care to seek assurances – on behalf of my LDC and those constituents who have raised this with me – that no NHS dental provision will be lost in Carshalton and Wallington as a result of the imposition of the 45 per cent target.

I should also be grateful for your assurance that no dental practices currently providing NHS dental care to my constituents will be forced to close or lose their contract, or suffer unmanageable financial penalties as a result of missing this target.

I know how supportive you are of our fantastic NHS – as a former NHS worker myself, I absolutely share that position with you and welcome it. I do hope that you will consider what the Government can do to ensure that primary care NHS dental services are placed on a firm and sustainable financial footing, in keeping with your wider reforms of the NHS.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elliot Colburn', written over a horizontal line.

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