

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 23 OCTOBER 2013

Question by: Ms Desiree Cranenburgh

To: Cabinet Member for Community Care

QUESTION

“Will you publically call on Jeremy Hunt to Save our Hospitals?”

ANSWER

We have done more than that. The Leader and I met Jeremy Hunt in person on 18th September to lobby for the best possible hospital services in Hammersmith and Fulham. In contrast with the approach taken by some others, we have sought to constructively engage with government.

Specifically, we asked Mr Hunt to consider the case for even better emergency care than is currently planned at Charing Cross.

We want to see emergency services retained as far as possible, whilst still accepting that people with very complex conditions will receive the care they need by going to hospitals that have specialist round-the-clock consultant cover and a full range of complementary specialisms on site.

We also impressed upon Mr Hunt our desire to see Charing Cross become a world class centre for elective (non-emergency) surgery and remain as a teaching hospital of international renown.