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Mr Andrew Kerr
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Dear Andrew,

Re: Liberton High School GP Service

I am writing on behalf of my constituents who are deeply concerned about the GP crisis that has been growing over the last decade, which has left 20,000 of my constituents unable to register with a practice.

This has wide-ranging effects on health outcomes in some of the most deprived parts of my constituency and on already stretched A&E services.

We are all delighted that the shovels are in the ground to build the new Liberton High School campus and that generations of pupils will be able to enjoy the new world-class facilities.

Nevertheless, you will know that, as Health Secretary, Humza Yousaf pulled funding for a new GP service on the campus in February and his successor, Michael Matheson MSP, has consistently refused to provide funding for the practice, which could take a great deal of pressure out of our stretched primary healthcare landscape.

I am writing to you to ask whether the council would consider building the premises for a GP service on the campus anyway, so that a new practice can be installed later on if a government more committed to solving the GP crisis is elected.

I appreciate that it would come at a greater cost to the taxpayer and the council, but the primary healthcare situation in South East Edinburgh is becoming so acute that we need to explore all avenues to improve it.

I am grateful for your cooperation in advance and I hope to one day see a new GP service for residents in Liberton.

IAN MURRAY MP
Labour Member of Parliament for Edinburgh South

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Murray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Murray".

Ian Murray MP
Member of Parliament for Edinburgh South
Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland