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Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP
Secretary of State for Health

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Dear Secretary of State

Motion to Stockton Borough Council – Health and Care Innovation Zone

I am really grateful that work will be underway soon on the new Diagnostic Centre in my constituency which I am sure will have a tremendous benefit in my own area but throughout Teesside helping tackle the health inequalities that blight so many lives.

The forward thinking by Stockton Borough Council and the health trusts over several years has finally paid off and we are all very excited about what it achieves.

The ambition around health of the Council and its partners doesn't end there and as you know I have long campaigned for a new hospital to replace North Tees which is well past its useful life and could eat up some £300 million in maintenance resources over the coming years just to keep it functional.

The Council and its partners have an ambition beyond a new hospital which could be of national significance. Councillors from across the political divide recently backed the attached motion on proposals which must be some of the most exciting in the health sphere for some considerable time.

I would ask that you and your officials engage early with the project and encourage the Council and others to develop their ideas further with a view to appropriate investment by your department. I would be more than happy to welcome you to Stockton to discuss this great proposal.

Thank you for considering the matter. I look forward to a positive response.

Yours sincerely,



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