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Name of your MP  
House of Commons,  
London, SW1A 0AA

Your Address

Date

Dear (name of MP),

## **Don't break up our NHS**

I am writing to seek a short meeting with you in the House of Commons on Tuesday January 10, 2006.

As a member of Amicus working in the health service I want to ensure that any changes to be proposed in the white paper 'Care outside Hospitals' do not lead to the fragmentation of the NHS.

There is real worry among my colleagues in health professions that if the proposals contained in Commissioning a Patient-led NHS are introduced there will be creeping privatisation and a break-up of the cohesion that exists in the health service.

Health visitors, community nurses, primary care pharmacists and other health professionals could end up being employed by a variety of organisations such as GPs, the voluntary sector or private companies rather than by the NHS as they are now. There are concerns that some of the most experienced staff will leave their professions rather than change to new employers. This must not be allowed to happen.

## **Stop the cuts**

Despite record NHS funding, Health Trusts up and down the country have run up huge budget deficits that are having a serious impact - patients are being told to wait for treatment, wards have been closed, vacancies frozen and many staff have been made redundant – all to make up for these shortfalls. The government need to ask why patients and staff are paying the price of Trust overspending?

Please let me know if you are able to meet me to discuss these issues on Tuesday 10th and at what time. If for any reason you are unable to meet me on this day, could I arrange to meet you at your constituency office? In the meantime an indication of your support would be very welcome.

Yours sincerely,

Your name  
Profession



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