Dear [MP NAME],

I am writing to you to express my deep concern at the reorganisation of the NHS that is under way with little public debate, and the 50% cuts to Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and the impact that these might have on patient care. I note too that this is in the context of the government's announcement that NHS England will be abolished.

These cuts of 50% and the reorganisation that is under way are likely to cause a great deal of upheaval at the very time that the NHS is in crisis, with a waiting list of over 7 million as at the end of February.

I would be grateful if you could write to the Health Secretary Wes Streeting on my behalf and ask him:

1. Where is the risk assessment for these cuts and reorganisation?
2. Can he set out what the impact will be on the planning, operation and management of primary care (GPs; dentistry; optometry and community pharmacy) which delivers by far the greatest amount of patient contacts a week?
3. There is talk nationally of ICBs merging. What is being considered for my local ICB? How would the new larger ICB then communicate with local authorities? How long will it take for new relationships between the different parties involved to develop meaningfully?
4. What assessment has the government made of the impact of the reorganisation and these cuts on staff training, retention and morale?
5. What assessment has the government made of the impact of the cuts and reorganisation on the condition and viability of NHS estates over the next 2 years?
6. Given that the 10 Year Health Plan will be published in June, but ICBs have to report on which posts they will cut by the end of May, how can ICBs be expected to make the right decisions about the posts to make redundant?
7. I understand that Sir Jim Mackey of NHS England has reportedly indicated that the areas in which ICBs might look for duplication (and therefore potential for redundancies) include 'assurance and regulatory functions such as safeguarding and infection control'. Given the reduced administrative capacity that these cuts suggest, is the government confident that the NHS would be capable of responding more effectively to a future pandemic than it was in 2019/20?
8. What assessment has the Health Secretary made of the number of NHS staff who will be made redundant?
9. Why is the Health Secretary carrying out a major reorganisation of the NHS at a time when the NHS is in crisis and has a waiting list of over 7 million and when NHS staff have been through such difficult times in recent years?

This is a very anxious time for patients waiting for treatment and for NHS staff. I look forward to the response from the Health Secretary.

Yours sincerely,