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Dear Dr Green,

**RE: closure of Therapeutic House**

We would like to arrange an urgent meeting with you to discuss the proposed closure of Therapeutic House.

Our constituents have raised concerns about the closure of the service and the implications it will have for their care. From your correspondence, we understand that you are not satisfied that KMPT has fulfilled your criteria, but we have heard from constituents about how it is making a difference to their lives. As KMPT has said, the service has been "ground breaking in its approach".

This proposed closure has been raised with the Royal College of Psychiatrists who have highlighted a recent report into the national shortage of personality disorder services. The interim report of the Commission on Acute Adult Psychiatric care shows how this shortage has resulted in patients being treated in acute wards.

We would appreciate it if you could hold further discussions with KMPT in relation to retaining this vital local community service and we would appreciate a meeting with yourselves, and if possible KMPT as well, to discuss this further.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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