

Rt Hon Stephen Barclay MP  
Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

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Dear Secretary of State

**ST MARY'S HOSPITAL**

We are writing to you in our capacity as Liberal Democrat Parliamentary candidates for Cities of London & Westminster and Westminster North respectively.

We were extremely disappointed to hear that the Government intends to break its promise to rebuild St Mary's Hospital in Paddington by 2030, something which had been years in the planning.

St Mary's is of vital importance: to the constituents we seek to represent but also London more widely. It is Westminster's only NHS hospital, one of only four A&E trauma centres in London and hosts the NHS's largest biomedical research centre.

The current condition of the Victorian-era buildings represents an immediate risk to patients. In recent months alone, sewage has leaked into the pharmacy, ceilings have collapsed in two wards and part of the Cambridge Wing has been deemed too dangerous for clinical use.

St Mary's is one of our leading teaching hospitals with an international reputation for research excellence. This is a terrible example of incompetence and neglect by the Government of one of our flagship hospitals.

We call on you to urgently reconsider this decision.

Yours sincerely



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