

Pincher Secures a meeting with Health Minister on Peel Hospital

Christopher Pincher, Member of Parliament for Tamworth & Mile Oak, has secured a meeting with Dr Daniel Poulter MP, Minister for Health, to discuss the Burton Hospitals NHS Trust Foundation which runs the Sir Robert Peel hospital. The minister made the commitment during a specially organised Adjournment debate on the Reconfiguration of Services at the Peel hospital arranged by Mr Pincher.

During the debate Mr Pincher said:

"[I] suggest that we find [a] way forward, in the first case by seeking a meeting with the Secretary of State to discuss our concerns about the trust."

Later in the debate Dr Poulter responded saying:

"I will be delighted to meet my hon. Friends (Christopher Pincher and Andrew Griffiths representing Burton) to talk further about local issues. There are long-standing concerns, not least the processes triggered by the Keogh review in the trust and the wider health economy."

Mr Pincher said later:

"I am pleased I was able to secure this debate to highlight local concerns about the proposed changes at the Sir Robert Peel and the way they are being handled. I hope the Trust will now consult much more widely on its proposals and gather sensible ideas for services at the hospital, including potential new services, before any change is made. I also look forward to meeting the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) who commission patient services at the Peel to discuss with them how they can best utilise our local hospital."

The meeting with the Minister follows discussions held by Mr Pincher with Chief Executive of the Burton Hospitals Trust and its Operations Manager. He will also meet with South East Staffordshire CCG next week.

I will also be presenting petition names sent to me by local campaigners to the Burton Trust so they are fully aware of the concerns expressed by the community.