

Mr P Ignjatovic

Coventry

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Mr Bob Ainsworth MP
House of Commons
Westminster
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Dear Mr Ainsworth,

In November 2003 the National Audit Office identified that around £40 million a year is being wasted on suspending doctors in the NHS. Today Mr Bryan Stoten, Chairman of our NHS Trust Hospital, announced that the Walsgrave was £5 million overspent and that cutbacks needed to be made.

Mr Stoten knows about his needless waste of our taxes. He has presided over the suspension of heart specialist Dr Raj Mattu for almost 4 years. During this period 2 consultants have covered Dr Mattu's duties at an estimated cost exceeding £100,000 per year for each consultant, causing £800,000 to £1 million to be wasted on locums.

About £1 million has been spent on an internal Trust inquiry into the spurious allegations against Dr Mattu, with more than £1 million being spent on legal costs.

In other words greater than £3 million of our taxes have been wasted on pursuing the suspension of Dr Mattu after he blew the whistle on unsafe management practices at the Walsgrave that were endangering patients. In 2003 I asked for Mr Stoten and Mr Roberts (Chief Executive) to intervene to stop this waste. **What have they done?** Nothing but continue to waste further taxpayers money.

Mr Ainsworth you have supported the management and their actions and today also told the Telegraph that the managers were doing a good job. It is time for you to stand up for your constituents, Coventry people and justice and join Coventry MPs and call for a stop to the waste by supporting an independent inquiry into this whole fiasco and our failing Trust Management.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Ignjatovic

Cc: Coventry Evening Telegraph, Coventry Observer, Mr G Robinson MP, Mr J Cunningham MP