

Coventry

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Bob Ainsworth MP
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London
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Dear Mr Ainsworth,

I am horrified at the Trust's decision to cut patient beds and services at the Walsgrave Hospital in order to save money. In the telegraph on 6 October you said that the hospital managers 'can't spend money they haven't got'. I agree with you. The Labour government has given the managers enough money they are just not using it properly and on patient care. They are throwing it away on bullying Dr Mattu after he blew the whistle on the dangers and deaths from shoving extra patients into 4 bedded bays. Dr Mattu's concerns appear to have been legitimate given the recent BBC Midlands Today exposure of at least eleven deaths of extra patients. Why has it taken so long for the Trust to investigate the allegations against Dr Mattu and why are they continuing to fritter money away that would be better spent providing patient care?

I would like to know what you intend to do to bring an end to the suspension of Dr Mattu and stop the unnecessary expense by the Trust managers associated with this matter. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jasvinder Gill