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Dear Mr Doughty

Thank you for your correspondence of 23 December to Jeremy Hunt about Bootham Park Hospital.

Thank you too for your comprehensive update on Bootham Park Hospital, and for the proactive and positive response made by your committee in leading and co-ordinating the local response to improving mental health service provision following the Care Quality Commission's instruction to close the hospital.

I fully expect that the Committee's report will make a valuable contribution to driving improvements to mental health service provision in York, and I hope that you will continue to work with local health commissioners and Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust to provide valuable oversight.

Best wish

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