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Dear Cllr Gardiner,

**Closure of Specialist Oral Surgery and Orthodontic Services in Macclesfield,
Cheshire**

Thank you for your letter of 8th May referring this case to me. I appreciate your concerns about oral surgery and orthodontics services in Macclesfield General Hospital.

I am advised that discussions are ongoing between local partners and that a meeting is scheduled in early August to agree commissioning arrangements for these services. Given the late discussion of this issue, I appreciate your efforts to find a local resolution with commissioners, as all partners must satisfy themselves that options have been fully explored before proceeding with a referral.

I would be grateful for an update on progress from you following the meeting in August.

Yours ever,

MATT HANCOCK