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Dear Coventry and Warwickshire ICB,

My office has been on the phone to Henley Dental as part of our search to find any dentistry practice in the Stratford-on-Avon constituency (and further afield) that are taking NHS dental patients. So far, we have not found a single one.

I'm sure that you will agree with me that this is an unacceptable state of affairs.

Henley Dental has a waiting list of 250 patients, each of whom have to wait for someone to leave the practice in order to access a dentist. Obviously, more people are joining this waitlist than are leaving it. Some people will never have access to a dentist while they live here. This is inexcusable.

Henley Dental is not able to recruit any more dentists to manage this waiting list because the ICB refuses to expand their contract. At the same time, the ICB underspend against the dental ringfence in 2023/24. How is it possible to underspend when all of the dental practices in the constituency so desperately need money to recruit more dentists? The British Dental Association has published that in 2024, your projected underspend was £8.6million, 15.8% of your budget.

Please reply promptly, as I have a lot of constituents who are becoming increasingly distressed.

Yours sincerely,

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