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The Rt Hon Wes Streeting MP
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Dear Rt. Hon. Wes Streeting MP,

Osteoporosis and Fracture Liaison Services

I am writing to remind you of your commitment to introduce an early diagnostic service for osteoporosis.

Half of women over fifty will suffer broken bones due to osteoporosis. Osteoporosis causes premature death, and life-altering disability. Fortunately, preventative medicine is highly effective, and cheap to supply. Unfortunately, many people miss out on this medication due to the lack of early diagnosis for osteoporosis.

In September 2024, you pledged to introduce Fracture Liaison Services to every Integrated Care Board in England by 2030. At the Labour Party Conference you reiterated your commitment to this plan.

However, there has still been no progress towards delivering these vital services. Whilst some new bone scanners have been funded, these are not the vital Fracture Liaison Services that are required.

Constituents of Stratford-on-Avon are deeply concerned that since taking office, the Government's language has changed to 'widening access' to Fracture Liaison Services. Are you reneging on your promise to introduce Fracture Liaison Services to every Integrated Care Board in England? Even more concerning is that this promise has been omitted from the NHS Planning guidance issued by the Government on 30 January 2025.

Please can you assure me and my constituents that you are not breaking your promise to introduce Fracture Liaison Services to every Integrated Care Board in England by 2030? Please can you outline a timescale for this, and explain why this was not included in the NHS Planning guidance issued by the Government in January of this year?

Yours sincerely,

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