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John Swinney MSP
First Minister
St Andrew's House
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Dear John / First Minister,

Walk-in GP clinic at Ocean Terminal, Leith, Edinburgh

I am writing in my capacity as constituency MSP for Edinburgh Northern and Leith (only) regarding [plans you recently announced](#) to establish more walk-in GP clinics across Scotland, including a second one in Edinburgh. I believe this should be at Ocean Terminal in Leith.

My constituency and the wider area are projected to experience significant population growth in the coming years. Population pressures are already being felt, including by GP practices. Therefore, I have written the Scottish Government previously regarding the notable potential of a new GP practice at Ocean Terminal (February 2023 and September 2023), as well as raising this in the parliament chamber in [May 2023](#), [November 2023](#) and [June 2024](#).

As I know you have experienced, the current vaccine clinic in Ocean Terminal has been a notable success, as a very accessible location for local people and those travelling from further away on public transport. Ocean Terminal would be an excellent place for a walk-in GP clinic in a similar way – easily accessible and in a part of the country where the population is growing rapidly and additional capacity is needed. The centre is also rejuvenating generally, providing a pleasant location for patients and quality facilities (like a changing places toilet). Moreover, there is already a pharmacy. Dialogue between NHS Lothian and Ocean Terminal is ongoing about proposals for a GP medical centre. A walk-in facility could compliment those plans. Capital build costs of installation at the centre would be lower than creating new buildings.

I would be grateful if you and the Health Secretary could consider space at Ocean Terminal, Leith as a location for a new walk-in GP clinic. Thank you for your attention to this proposal.

Best regards,

Ben Macpherson MSP

Copied to:
NHS Lothian
Ambassador Group, owners of Ocean Terminal