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Councillor Jane Hanna
Chair, Oxon Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
County Hall
New Road
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Dear Councillor Hanna,

Motion carried by Oxfordshire County Council on the NHS Bill

Oxfordshire Keep Our NHS Public was pleased to see that your motion to Oxfordshire County Council on the NHS Bill was passed unanimously. This clear result indicates that county councillors are becoming more aware of the negative impact the bill will have on local democracy and accountability, as well as the resultant corrosive effect on patient access and availability of healthcare services.

It is also of importance that the public are kept informed about the vital work of their elected representatives in defending local democracy and ensuring that the seven principles governing public life are maintained. Indeed, recent events in Parliament highlight all too clearly the imperative of upholding these standards, both nationally and locally.

With the above in mind, we would ask you to provide:

1. A copy of the letter (referred to in your motion) sent to all local MPs seeking their active support in Parliament for the council's position.
2. Details of which local partners have been contacted for wider support, 'with [a] view to influencing improvements to reforms'.
3. Details of the specific 'improvements to reforms' that are being sought.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Bill MacKeith
Secretary, Oxfordshire Keep Our NHS Public