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DCC Health & Scrutiny Committee

Dorset County Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

Closure of Poole A&E

I am responding to an email from Corfe Castle Parish Council, whose members are concerned at the CCG's plan to move E&E at Poole to Bournemouth.

I understand that the committee is considering this at tomorrow's meeting and I should like to lodge my concern, too.

I wrote a lengthy submission to the CCG during the consultation and one of my objections was their suggestion that A&E should move from Poole to Bournemouth.

Having now spoken to clinicians, I understand the move is very much at the behest of the consultants, most of whom are based at Bournemouth.

My concern is for my constituents who live in outlying villages and towns like Corfe Castle and Swanage. Even with the blue light on,



getting to Poole is bad enough on poor roads that are easily congested. Bournemouth will be even worse and I would be grateful if you were to take this rurality issue into account when you consider whether to refer your concerns to the Secretary of State, or not.

If you do refer to him, I would be happy for you to include my letter as part of your submission, should you wish to do so.

My warm regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard...". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a horizontal line.