Insert name

Insert address

Insert date

Dear XXX

**Re: Capacity crisis in NHS Eye Care: APPG report launch, 6 June**

I am one of your constituents and as an ophthalmologist working at [hospital] in [area], I would like to draw your attention to the issues facing our hospital eye services.

Overwhelmed eye services are finding it increasingly difficult to meet the increasing demand for eye care. Research shows that delays and hospital cancellations are affecting some patients who are permanently losing sight, despite the availability of sight saving treatments, which also contribute to the increase in patient visits.

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists, of which I am a member, has been campaigning for recognition of the challenges facing our patients, consultants and all staff working in our eye clinics.

We have been working directly with the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Eye Health and Visual Impairment. It has conducted an inquiry to identify solutions to the capacity crisis in England, to ensure that services meet demand. The inquiry report will be launched at a reception in Parliament on

**6 June 2018 from 4pm to 6pm** in the **Churchill Room**.

You will have received an invitation from the secretariat (the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and the Optical Confederation) to attend this important launch. Please RSVP to Jessica Ford at RNIB (Jessica.ford@rnib.org.uk or 0207 391 2184)

I hope that you can attend the reception to learn how we might be able to tackle this crisis. If you wish to contact me directly, I will be happy to share more information with you about the hospital eye services in your Sustainability and Transformation Partnership area and if you wish, invite you for a visit to one of the eye units.

Please do contact me at:

[name/title], [email and/or mobile]

[hospital address/unit]

Yours sincerely