



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Junior Doctors

Last year, I had the pleasure in meeting some of you who live in, or serve patients from, the Bexhill and Battle constituency. At this meeting in Salehurst, I was incredibly impressed with how you put your concerns about the proposed Junior Doctor contract terms across. Your devotion to the health service, and the patients you serve, was beyond doubt. I left that meeting reassured by the weight of professionalism coming through the ranks and hoping that a resolution could be found to allow you to serve, and enjoy your career, with peace of mind.

Since this time, I have spent much time lobbying on your behalf. Be it in Parliament, or in discussions with ministers and their team and the BMA leaders in private, I have taken an interest in getting the Junior Doctors contract terms settled on your behalf. It appeared, late last year, that a break-through had occurred but both sides were unable to conclude a deal.

I am aware from our conversations that you did not want to find yourselves in a position of withdrawing your labour. For those of you who have taken this action, I wanted to send my best wishes to you. I very much hope that a resolution can be found and I can assure you that I will do my best in this quest.

As well as sending you my best wishes, I would be grateful if you could pass these sentiments on to other colleagues who live in, or treat patients from, the constituency.

If any of you would, at any time, like to discuss again then do feel welcome to come and see me in Westminster or I can arrange for a time in the constituency.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Huw Merriman'.

Huw Merriman
Member of Parliament for Bexhill and Battle