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PUTTING HENDON FIRST

“As you’d expect, I’ve concentrated on the ‘bread and butter’ issues that affect us all, at the local level.”



Health:

- GP access: I’m concerned about problems some people have, making appointments. After my representations, The Primary Care Trust (PCT) is allocating £400,000 this year, to help resolve this.
- Edgware Hospital: I continue to promote expansion of services at our new £40million hospital – particularly looking to the Royal Free, who have established a good record at Edgware.
- Barnet - Chase Farm: I have been making representations over their future plans, to ensure Hendon patients won’t have to travel to Chase Farm, and that services continue to be improved. I have also received clear undertakings from the Health Minister and the local NHS, that no changes will happen until replacement (better) services are in place.
- Community services: I’ve worked with the PCT to expand what is available, nearer to your home.
- Hospital waiting times: are now down to a quarter of what they were, and set to fall still further!



Crime:

- I hold frequent discussions with the Police Borough Commander, and at local level with the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNT).
- SNTs are now operating in every ward, with a Sargeant, two Constables and six PCSOs – nine officers whose sole job is local policing.
- Safer Transport Team: this started in Summer 2007, with 22 police and PCSOs, patrolling transport hubs and the bus network. It has already proved extremely effective.
- Crime figures: continue to fall in the Borough. I publish regular e-updates of the current statistics, available on my website.
- Hot spots; especially anti-social behaviour—I work with the Police to tackle these persistent problems.
- Emergency response: I had some concerns about police performance, which I am pursuing with the Borough Commander.