

Ms Nicola Sturgeon MSP
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Dear Ms Sturgeon

St Margaret of Scotland Hospice

I am writing to ask that you do all in your power to safeguard the future of St Margaret of Scotland Hospice in Clydebank.

For 58 years, first-class service has been provided to the people of Clydebank and the West of Scotland. Hundreds of families and thousands of patients have been touched by the peace, humility and compassion with which they have been treated by the staff at this very special environment.

If NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board continue with their plans to remove funding, move beds to Blawarthill and attempt to downgrade the Hospice, we will be losing a centre of excellence instead of doing all we can to support and protect it.

The Hospice has never been fully consulted on these proposals, having learned in the most part about the plans for their future through the media.

This does not sit well in the environment of openness and transparency in which we now live.

If the Government does not intervene to protect this Hospice care, it will be failing in its duty to the most vulnerable in society who have already paid their way to say nothing of their families, the community of Clydebank, and the West of Scotland who already subsidise this very fine Hospice thereby saving the Government many thousand of pounds.

Yours sincerely,