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Dear Secretary of State,

**Re: Dr Shashikanth - West London Medical Centre, 20 Field Heath Road, Uxbridge UB8 3NG and Church Road Surgery, Church Road, Uxbridge UB8 3NA**

I am emailing on behalf of Dr Shashikanth, who is the Principal GP for the above surgeries which serve a large number of my constituents.

As you may be aware from various media reports and from the Early Day Motion and Parliamentary Questions I have tabled, Dr Shashikanth has consistently raised concerns about the sharing of patient data with the Local Primary Care Network.

His patients have made their wishes clear to Dr Shashikanth that they did not want their data shared because they were worried that this would be shared with third parties.

Dr Shashikanth believes that by sharing this data, he would be acting contrary to the wishes of his patients and breaching his legal obligations as a data controller.

His concerns have been reinforced by reports on the Health Service Journal that the National Data Guardian for Health and Social Care has written to all Integrated Care Systems, warning that "organisations could be processing confidential patient information without ensuring that the processing does not breach confidentiality"

Following his refusal to share his patients' data, Dr Shashikanth was issued with a termination notice.

I have been informed that this was done without addressing his concerns and determining how he could have lawfully shared the records.

He has loyally served the community for over 15 years and has established a range of services to benefit his patients. He has over 8,000 patients registered between both practices and both settings are teaching and training junior doctors, medical students and nurses.

Dr Shashikanth has always been open to developing new initiatives to improve local health outcomes. To my knowledge he is widely respected by his patients for the excellent care he provides and for his dedication to their health needs.

Many of his patients have expressed to me their concerns about the way their doctor has been treated by the NHS bodies and the toll this has taken on him.

I share these concerns and I am also anxious about the serious risk of losing two GP practices in an area of expanding population where there are already not enough GP's to cope.

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I am writing to ask you to review the case of Dr Shashikanth and to seek a clear resolution to the current situation to enable this respected general practitioner to both abide by his patients' wishes with regard to the sharing of their health data and to continue to serve our local community

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John McDonnell'.

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