Invitation to a meeting with NHS staff

Dear name of MP,

**It’s time to get serious on NHS pay**

We are a group of NHS staff who all work at (name of Trust) here in your constituency.

For far too many years now we have seen our pay continue to fall behind the

cost of living. Now inflation is set to increase sharply, plus we will be paying higher National Insurance contributions, and energy and fuel costs are already sky-rocketing, with more increases to come.

This not only makes it harder for NHS staff to pay their bills, it makes it harder to recruit and retain staff in the NHS, which ramps up the pressure on us existing staff who are trying to fill gaps and deal with the record waiting lists as a result of the pandemic. Patient safety is also at risk if we can’t retain experienced staff and recruit new people to join the NHS team.

As our local MP we are asking you to help us get an above-inflation pay rise for all NHS staff which will enable us to pay our bills and attract desperately needed new staff into the health service.

We would like to invite you to come along to meet a selection of NHS staff here at (name of Trust) on Friday 1 April, the day that this year’s pay increase should have been in our pay packets if the whole process hadn’t been delayed.

We will arrange for you to meet a variety of staff doing a range of jobs across the NHS so you can hear first-hand the problems we face and the concerns we have.

If you are unable to attend a meeting on that day, please could we make an appointment for a small delegation to visit you in your constituency office to discuss these issues?

NHS staff are committed to the patients they care for, and the service they provide to the public. But at the moment we don’t feel that enough people are committed to getting us the pay rise we need and deserve.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours etc