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To all GPs in Oxfordshire

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Dear Colleague,

BMA Support your surgery campaign.

There are only a few days left for this campaign. Please may I urge you to get as many of your patients to sign the petition; those who cannot come to the surgery can post coupons from the adverts or sign on-line. Please can you post the petitions **back to the BMA on Friday 6th June.**

Oxfordshire Ballot of patient views on a new Darzi Health Centre.

The next battle is to get patient support to stop money being spent on a Darzi Health Centre in Oxfordshire. Banbury has been chosen as the preferred site for this new centre. The GPs in Banbury are fighting this decision. The new centre threatens to destabilize existing local practices and the Horton General Hospital. We all need to show solidarity; it could be your surgery that is threatened next.

The Ballot papers have been sent round to each practice from the LMC office. Having sent off the Support our Surgery petition on 6th June, please can you switch your attention to the Oxfordshire Ballot and get as many patients as possible to vote on whether they want £1 million spent on the new clinic or on other local health needs. The ballot papers should be returned **to the LMC office by 4th July.**

I do understand that I am asking a lot of you and your staff, but I believe that this is the best way to fight a politically-driven, centralist approach to health care.

Please contact the LMC office if you have any concerns.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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