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Tamar Tag Action Group

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Dear To Whom It May Concern

Tamar Tag

Saltash Health Centre has been asked to submit a letter as evidence of the impact the rising tolls on the Tamar Bridge are having on the recruitment of staff and on patients accessing medical facilities.

As a Practice, like many other GP surgeries in the country we are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit staff, in particular clinical staff and GPs. Due to our geographical proximity to Plymouth, we must compete in the job market for staff against practices based in Plymouth and the surrounding area.

We are increasingly finding that the toll for the Tamar Bridge is factored into a prospective employees calculations of travel expenditure when assessing whether it is financially viable to work in Saltash.

Patients are also reporting to us difficulty attending appointments in Plymouth due to the increased costs of travel of which the toll for the Tamar Bridge is a contributing factor.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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