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It is my privilege to be your Member of Parliament and I would like to thank you for the support you have given me since I was first elected in 1997. I hope this report will give you some idea of the work that I have been doing on your behalf.

At the constituency office I receive over 100 items of correspondence a day and send over 14,000 letters a year on your behalf. I also deal with approximately 50 e-mails a day and have set up a new web site www.philsawford.labour.co.uk to inform and provide a better service to constituents.

On my regular visits to businesses, schools, farms, hospitals, sports clubs, voluntary groups and constituent's homes I get an opportunity to see the local impact of Government policies and discuss issues of concern with organisations and individuals.

At Westminster I continue to ensure that your voice is heard and raise issues through written and oral questions, early day Motions, meetings with Ministers and my work on various committees.

Most of the subjects I have raised in Parliament are issues which affect the constituency or matters raised by individual constituents.

If you have concerns or issues which you would like me to pursue please don't hesitate to contact me.

Phil Sawford MP

Investing In the National Health Service - New £1 million Skin Care Centre opens at Kettering General Hospital.

The new skin care unit was officially opened in February 2003. This £1million investment is enabling the hospital to provide a better environment and improved services for patients.

Work has started on the first phase of a £24million modernisation plan for Kettering General Hospital. This is the biggest investment at the hospital for over 30 years and begins with a £12.5million short stay treatment centre.

The new high tech facility includes six operating theatres and associated recovery areas, 28 surgical beds and an expanded Endoscopy department which will cut patient waiting times and improve care.

Since 1997 Kettering General Hospital has received considerable investment including - a new CAT scanner (£500,000), a new MRI scanner (£1 million), an extension to the Intensive Care unit (£900,000), a new £400,000 Endoscopy suite, a new Orthopaedic theatre (£650,000) and a new

£300,000 Ophthalmology unit.

Northampton General Hospital has also received significant investment including over £500,000 to modernise the A & E department.

I continue to hold regular meetings with the local Health Authorities to discuss budgets, service delivery and health priorities.

I also attend meetings with mental health service users, Carers, local GP practices and health service trade union representatives to discuss health issues. These meetings with community groups and people employed within the health service enable me to get a broader perspective on local health needs.

I believe that everyone in the Kettering Constituency, no matter what their income, who they are or where they live, should have the health care they need for themselves and their families which is provided free at their time of need.