

Chronology of Laura Moffatt's Involvement with the Reconfiguration of Acute Health Services at Crawley Hospital

This report captures just a small part of the work Laura has undertaken over many years in relation to the issue of Crawley Hospital.

Laura's name is highlighted in order to indicate specific actions she has taken.

All letters and documents referred to can be evidenced.

Clearly this is only a fraction of the activity – Laura has attended meetings, briefings etc... throughout this process; has produced dozens of press releases and thoroughly read and responded to all the documents referred to.

Early 1980's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans are drawn up to replace Cuckfield Hospital – a building dating back to the war and made up of an old building and a large number of pre-fab huts. Crawley Borough Council offer land at Pease Pottage – with good motorway links to London and Brighton and road links to Horsham, Crawley, Horley, Redhill, Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill and Dorking. West Sussex Health Authority opts instead for a new hospital on the Lewes Road in Haywards Heath.
Early 1990's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Princess Royal Hospital opens on a back road in Haywards Heath. It is immediately threatened with accreditation issues – mainly because it is in the wrong place. As a nurse at Crawley Laura Moffatt along with her nursing and medical colleagues know that this is an enormous threat to Crawley hospitals future.
Royal Colleges and Accreditation An explanation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The size of population across the areas covered by the three hospitals (Crawley, East Surrey and Haywards Heath) cannot support a major hospital every 10 miles and maintain accreditation to train junior doctors. If all patients with for example cardiac problems are divided between 3 hospitals no single department will see sufficient patients each year to be accredited as expert by the Royal Colleges. The Royal colleges are set up by the Medical Profession to protect and ensure the quality of healthcare for patients. They are non-political professional organisations whose prime objective is consumer (patient) protection. Without accreditation to train it is not possible to provide the range of services required. Junior doctors are the backbone of all acute hospitals – providing not just the manpower but also the professional teams and career structures needed to recruit and retain professional staff. 	
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While still working as a nurse at Crawley Hospital Laura Moffatt is actively involved in local campaigning to prevent plans which would involve the TOTAL CLOSURE of Crawley Hospital by the then Conservative Government. The issue – accreditation to train junior doctors. The then MP for Crawley, Nicholas Soames says East Surrey is only 15 minutes down the road which is not a concern for Crawley people. He does not oppose plans. <u>There is no Hansard record of Mr Soames EVER raising the issue of Crawley Hospital in Westminster.</u>
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The years of under-funding of Crawley Hospital by West Sussex Health Authority is acknowledged by both the Chair and the Chief Executive.
May 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt is elected as the first Labour MP for Crawley. She leaves a 25 year career in nursing – entirely based at Crawley Hospital. But Crawley Hospital is immediately the biggest issue facing the new MP.
16 th July 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt asks the Secretary of State for Health about the morale of NHS staff in the light of GP fund-holding.
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The two Trusts managing East Surrey and Crawley hospitals merge with the single main objective of addressing the issues of accreditation.
28 th July 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt asks the Secretary of State for Health about patient and GP access to information regarding clinical performance in local hospitals
July 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Citizens Panel is set up – Chaired by West Sussex Health Authority – to allow local people to look at the future configuration of their health services. They are instructed that 'no-change' is not an option. Laura Moffatt ensures that Crawley is fully represented with 3 out of the 11 panel members coming from Crawley, 2 from Horsham with Horley, Dorking, Oxted, Redhill, Reigate and Warlingham having one each.
12 th Nov 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt asks the Prime Minister about additional funding for Crawley Hospital A&E to ease the winter pressures and 'trolley wait' situation.

During 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save Crawley Hospital Campaign is set up by a member of Crawley Labour Party – Christine Earnell. Laura Moffatt puts her full support behind the campaign.
November 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizen's panel produces its final report. They have two main recommendations – Long term they recommend a new centrally situated hospital but cannot agree the location. Short term they recommend the development of East Surrey as the acute centre with Crawley as a local general hospital – both should have A&E services but the main department should be at East Surrey. They identified several immediate pressures including; Royal College Accreditation, Equity of access and the state of the building at Crawley.
15 th Dec 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt asks the Secretary of State for Health about cross – trust co-operation.
March 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Sussex Review is set up by West Sussex Health Authority to look at health services for Brighton, Hove and Mid Sussex. This is due in part to the poor strategic placement of the Princess Royal in Haywards Heath which continues to have more accreditation issues than Crawley. Laura Moffatt – seeing the potential impact on Crawley –immediately insists she is included in the distribution of information and kept fully briefed.
30 th Mar 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt asks the Secretary of State for Health about Nursing at Surrey and Sussex NHS Trust
1 st April 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to Health Secretary Frank Dobson MP to question the funding settlement for West Sussex Health Authority
Early 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surrey and Sussex Trust, East Surrey Health Authority and West Sussex health Authority develop proposals (based on the Citizens Panel report) to take forward for public consultation.
8 th June 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid Downs Community Health Council re-launch their own consultation on the Trusts consultation.
25 th June 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt provides a list of 20 questions to Peter Catchpole – Chief Executive of West Sussex Health Authority – relating to his proposed service changes and their impact on Crawley.
25 th June 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crawley Primary Care Group (local GPs) issue a press statement supporting the clinical arguments made for transferring services from Crawley with some reservations around patient and visitor transport and subject to increased investment in primary care.
5 th July 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt asks the Secretary of State for Health about Midwife Led Units
6 th July 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt asks the Secretary of State for Health how many other examples there are of acute health service re-configurations.
6 th July 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt asks the Secretary of State for Health about the average mileage covered by ambulances from picking up a patient to A&E.
6 th July 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt asks the Secretary of State for Health what data his Department has collated on the change in morbidity en route to hospital when the journey is greater than eight miles.
15 June –15 Sept. 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Sussex Health Authority goes to public consultation on its proposals. Laura Moffatt holds her own public meeting in the Civic Hall, Crawley to hear from local people about their concerns and preferences.
September 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt submits her initial and detailed response to the consultation document raising the concerns of Crawley people with local decision makers.
September 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Surrey and West Sussex Health Authorities make their final recommendations on future services for people in Crawley, Horsham and Redhill.
22 nd Sept 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to Health Secretary Frank Dobson MP with her concerns for the proposed changes and to seek a meeting in which to reflect the views of Crawley people.
October 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid Downs Community Health Council, unhappy with the proposals, refer the Health Authority decision on reconfiguration of services to the Secretary of State for Health Alan Milburn MP. Laura Moffatt is the only MP to respond to the Community Health Councils document. Crawley Borough Council and Mid Downs Community Health Council both also write to express their concerns.
28 th January 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Central Sussex Review board produces its report 'Securing Quality Services for Local People'. Laura Moffatt responds in detail to Richard Irwin (Chair of review and West Sussex Health Authority) with particular reference to A&E services, Ambulance, Transport/access, maternity services and a new hospital.
17 th Feb 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to Health Ministers Gisela Stewart MP and Alan Milburn MP expressing the concerns of her constituents.
25 th Feb 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt seeks a further meeting with Health Minister Gisela Stewart MP to represent the concerns of Crawley people.
12 th Mar 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt issues press release challenging Henry Smith and ex MP for Crawley Nicholas Soames on their party's history of inaction in defending Crawley's health services.
13 th April 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt takes the Crawley Hospital Campaign group to meet Health Minister Gisela Stewart MP and issues press release reporting the meeting.

27 th April 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to Gisela Stewart to follow up from the meeting and make sure the message was clear.
4 th May 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt is the ONLY local MP actively involved with West Sussex' consultation. • She issues a press release setting out the history of Tory inaction and its impact. • Francis Maude MP in Horsham makes no contribution.
May/June 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After waiting for several months for a response to the Community Health Councils referral Laura Moffatt makes her final demands to the Secretary of State for Health. They include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A call for an independent review. ○ A commitment to maintaining 24 hour walk in A&E services at the Crawley hospital site. ○ A review of maternity services ○ Immediate investment in Crawley Hospital in recognition of the years of under-funding by West Sussex Health Authority. ○ A moratorium on any further service transfers until the independent review has reported.
15 th June 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to over 2000 constituents with her list of final demands to the Secretary of State regarding the reconfiguration of services at Surrey and Sussex Trust.
25 th June 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Health Minister Gisela Stewart writes to Laura Moffatt agreeing to all of her demands in relation to the reconfiguration.
26 th June 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release on future acute services at Crawley Hospital.
29 th June 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to all members of Crawley Labour Party setting out the decision.
6 th July 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to her constituents via the local press to state her position in relation to the reconfiguration and the need to listen to our senior clinicians.
10 th July 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to Health Minister Gisela Stewart MP demanding that the Bagnall review report by Spring 2001 and that their remit be to look at services to be in place by 2011.
13 th July 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release demanding tighter time frame from Minister.
14 th July 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to Health Secretary Alan Milburn MP reiterating her demands in the letter to Gisela Stewart MP. • Laura Moffatt also writes to secure a place on the Bagnall review for local campaigner and founder member of the Hospital Campaign group Christine Earnell.
18 th July 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt seeks urgent meeting with Health Secretary Alan Milburn MP to discuss the reconfiguration.
21 st July 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release about her work to secure role for prominent hospital campaigner and Labour Party member Christine Earnell on review group.
24 th July 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt secures the independent review she has pressed so hard for from the Secretary of State. • Laura Moffatt also secures £4.25 million of public funding to re-furbish Crawley Hospital immediately – a tacit recognition of years of under funding for Crawley from West Sussex Health Authority.
21 st Aug 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Sussex Health Authority launches a public consultation on the Central Sussex Report 'Securing Quality Services for Local People'.
29 th Aug 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release following her success in pressing the Secretary of State to allow the review to make a judgement on time scale.
October 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Sussex Health Authority launches a review of the public consultation on 'Securing Quality Services for Local People' and identifies in particular the need to maintain an A&E at the Princess Royal Hospital.
January 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to over 1500 Crawley people who have petitioned her on the hospital issue setting out her position.
11 th Jan 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to Health Minister Gisela Stewart MP to press for greater representation for Crawley and Horsham Councils on the Bagnall review as they are the two areas most affected
25 th Jan 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release thanking people for writing to her and promising they will all get a response.
26 th January 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt demands the Health secretary place a moratorium on further service transfers until the Bagnall review reports as its work is currently being undermined by on going service transfers. • She also issues a press release which is taken by both papers.
9 th Feb 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release on the work she is doing to sustain the pressure on the Secretary of State – both papers take the story.
16 th February 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt calls in a press release for clarity around the subject of service reconfiguration as many people actually think the hospital is closed which is clearly extremely dangerous. Both papers cover the story.
15 th Mar 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt calls on Henry Smith to retract his statement that Labour has closed Crawley Hospital because it is causing dangerous confusion.
16 th March 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release slamming Henry Smith's deliberate electioneering with Crawley Hospital – neither paper takes the release.

27 th Mar 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt takes a delegation of Crawley people to meet with Health Secretary Alan Milburn in order to put their case directly to him.
28 th Mar 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release on the moratorium.
29 th Mar 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt receives written confirmation that she has secured the moratorium she requested so that service moves will cease until the Bagnall review reports.
4 th April 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt achieves the reprieve for services and sets out in a press release why it was a victory for hard work and lobbying – neither paper takes the release.
April 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt Writes again to over 2000 constituents to up date them in relation to the Bagnall review and the moratorium.
24 th April 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release calling on Henry Smith to cease making claims he cannot defend as he continues to campaign on a new hospital with the Tories in spite of his own front bench health spokes person refusing to make such a commitment. Neither paper takes the story.
1 st May 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release challenging Henry to explain just what he has done to secure services for Crawley. Both papers take the story but there is no response from Henry.
11 th July 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release flagging up £142,000 investment in West Sussex GP services for cryosurgery and computer linked dermatology equipment. Neither paper covers the story.
19 th July 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to Crawley News to rebut a letter accusing her of using her MP status for personal gain by taking a PPS appointment. Laura points out that this carries no remuneration and she had previously turned down a similar position at the Department of Health in order to maintain her independence on the hospital issue.
10 th Oct 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release announcing £2.3 million to West Sussex Social Services to help ease winter pressures in Crawley A&E. Neither paper runs the story.
16 th October 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues further press release announcing £2.3 million additional funding for West Sussex Social Services to help ease delayed discharge situation at Crawley Hospital. Only the Crawley News covers the story.
7 th Nov 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release regarding the hospital cleanliness ratings both nationally and locally – only the Observer covers the story.
23 rd Nov 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release as she raises the review process with Health Minister Alan Milburn. Only the Observer covers the story.
28 th Nov 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes in response to a letter in the Crawley News accusing Laura (amongst other things) of inaction on the Hospital.
4 th Dec 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release on the use of the Gatwick Redwood hospital to help reduce waiting lists locally – neither paper covers the story.
7 th Dec 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with Crawley Borough Councillors to discuss concerns and ways forward.
7 th Dec 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release on additional funding for West Sussex Health Authority in recognition of the additional costs in the South East. Only the Observer covers this.
17 th Dec 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release on latest figures showing the increase in the number of both beds and nurses nationally – it is covered by the Observer.
January 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bagnall Report makes its recommendation. • The review recommended a new hospital at Pease Pottage subject to planning consent and affordability not just in terms of capital but in terms of revenue also. • There is a fall back recommendation for East Surrey to be the main acute centre with Crawley as a back up facility.
9 th Jan 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt questions the Prime Minister about the impact Conservative policy would have on health services in Crawley.
26 th Jan 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues quote on Bagnall in response to request from Crawley News but they do not use it.
30 th Jan 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt asks the Prime Minister to congratulate those who worked so hard on the Bagnall review.
31 st Jan 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release following the review group's recommendation – only the Observer uses Laura's quotes
31 st Jan 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release following her question to the Prime Minister asking him to thank those who took part in the review. Neither paper covers the story.
1 st Feb 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to local press with the outcome of the Bagnall review and thanking those who worked on it. Neither local paper prints the letter.
6 th Feb 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt uses her Westminster Matters column to set out situation with Bagnall reviews recommendation.
7 th Feb 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes publicly (via local papers) in response to a letter published by Reigate and Banstead Conservative MP Crispin Blunt attacking the Bagnall review findings. It is only published in Observer.
7 th Feb 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release setting out the massive increases in NHS staff – only the Observer covers the story.

4 th March 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to Surrey and Sussex Chief Executive Ken Cunningham asking him to explain the reasoning behind doctor's plans to alter A&E services. • Ken responds that the issue remains accreditation from the Royal Colleges and therefore patient safety.
27 th Mar 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release on Health Ministers comments on the setting up of the Bagnall review – neither local paper covers the story.
8 th April 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes in detail to Health Secretary Alan Milburn MP seeking an early decision in favour of Crawley. • Laura Moffatt also copies the letter to Health Minister Hazel Blears MP
17 th April 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chancellor announces the biggest ever increased funding package for the NHS - Laura Moffatt issues press release which is covered by the Observer.
23 rd April 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt goes to Crawley Hospital to open the much needed new Child Development Centre with Health Minister Lord Hunt. She issues a press release but the story is only covered by the Observer.
23 rd April 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release to welcome the new independent NHS inspection system – the story is not covered by either paper.
26 th April 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to local media rebutting widely reported (including our local papers) factually inaccurate information about cancer treatment from former Conservative Cabinet Minister David Mellor. Neither paper takes the story
31 st April 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt arranges for Health Minister John Hutton to visit newly established Crawley PCT (local GPs) – the hospital issue is discussed.
17 th June 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt invites local GPs to the House of Commons to mark the establishment of Crawley PCT and discuss health care in Crawley. She issues a press release which is reported in both papers.
18 th June 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with Health Secretary Alan Milburn MP to press the case for Crawley and to establish a timeframe. She issues a press release but only the Observer covers it.
16 th July 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release after she asks the Secretary of State for Health about the work of Crawley PCT (local GPs) – the Observer covers story.
25 th July 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release on Trusts star rating – taken up by both papers.
20 th August 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Minister Hazel Blears MP writes to Laura Moffatt to set out the decision making process. The Health Authority is to work on short-term plans and the new Strategic Health Authority (replacing them in October '02) will develop the long-term strategy.
19 th September 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt hosts a seminar with local people to look at improving Health and Social Care in order to put forward Crawley's view to the Governments policy making process. A news release is issued and the Observer covers the story.
15 th October 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release re-stating her objections to the proposed changes and demanding that doctors and managers who say this is about patient safety and not money must prove that case. The Observer covers it.
4 th Nov 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt asks the Secretary of State for Health, what representations he had had from (a) Crawley Borough Council and (b) Horsham District Council regarding the financial appraisal of a new hospital on the Pease Pottage Site.
10 th Dec 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Robbins – Chief Executive of the Strategic Health Authority writes to Laura Moffatt with his economic review of the Bagnall Report recommendations which found that <u>whilst the recommendation for a new hospital was affordable it would not represent good value for money for improving healthcare for all Crawley people.</u>
12 th Dec 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issue press release welcoming the massive (£148.3 billion) for PCTs (local GPs) over the next 3 years – the Observer covers the story.
7 th Jan 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release on her view of the services Crawley people need – both papers cover the story.
8 th January 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt asks the Prime Minister for his assessment of the impact a 20% cut in NHS funding would mean for health services in Crawley and what Tory policy would do to our health service funding. She issues a full report to local media.
10 th January 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crawley PCT (local GPs) vote to support the Bagnall Reports recommendations but also to maintain Crawley hospital for community services. • Laura Moffatt issues a press release stating her support – it is only reported in the Observer. • Many board members express concern about the impact on revenue of running a new hospital and therefore on plans to improve community services where over 80% of all healthcare is delivered. • All three other PCTs in the area including Horsham and Chanctonbury vote against a new hospital at Pease Pottage.
29 th January 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategic Health Authority meets in public at Effingham Park Hotel to make its decision on the Bagnall Review. • Laura Moffatt registers her objections to their tabled papers in writing and tells local papers that is what she has done – none of them cover this. • <u>They debate the fact that record increases in NHS funding mean it would be possible to build a new hospital at Pease Pottage but that doing so would inevitably threaten both East Surrey and Haywards</u>

	<p>Heath hospitals. In other word simply shift the problem of accreditation elsewhere.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The running costs would also inevitably impact on the amount that could be spent on primary care. They conclude that building a new hospital at Pease Pottage whilst affordable would not represent significantly improved healthcare for Crawley and therefore not good value for money.
10 th Feb 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to local paper in response to letter published the previous week accusing her of 'doing nothing'.
11 th Feb 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt arranges for local politicians from Crawley and Horsham to meet with the Health Secretary Alan Milburn MP
21 st Feb 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt joins hospital campaigners in a march to Queens Square – local Tories try to hijack the march by joining it and taking the lead as it passes the hospital – only the Observer covers the story.
11 th Mar 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to Health Secretary Alan Milburn seeking his support for maintaining A&E and Maternity services at Crawley.
14 th May 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Secretary Alan Milburn MP writes to Laura Moffatt setting out his reluctance to intervene in the local decision making process. Increased NHS funding means that local authorities have real choices – <u>all options set out in the Bagnall report could be afforded.</u> The matter now rests with local PCTs (GPs) and the Strategic Health Authority.
19 th May 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to all members of Crawley Labour Party to clarify the position in relation to Crawley Hospital. <p>She also issues a press release on the Secretary of States endorsement of the Strategic Health Authority decision – both papers take the story.</p>
4 th July 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to Crawley News setting out her position in opposing the closure of Jumbo Ward. It is printed.
15 th July 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt issues press release on her concerns regarding the Surrey and Sussex Trust getting only one star rating. Taken by the Observer only.
20 th Oct 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt issues a press release showing what Conservative policy on 'Patients passports' would cost Crawley people – no local media takes the story.
23 rd Oct 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt issues press release challenging Trust on proposed move of Children's services. Both papers cover the story.
6 th Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt issues press release on improved Cancer services – it is not covered in local media.
11 th Nov 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to local editors asking them to help encourage local women to complete the PCT survey on the future for Maternity services in Crawley – neither paper publishes the plea.
26 th Nov 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt in a press release calls on local Mums to make sure they have their say in the PCTs questionnaire regarding the future for Maternity Services in Crawley – only the Observer covers the story and then only with a few lines.
8 th January 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes publicly through local papers to MP for Reigate and Banstead – Crispin Blunt following his general criticism of her defending Crawley's situation regarding the transfer of hospital services. Both papers cover the letter.
23 rd Mar 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt asks the Secretary of State for Health about the value of leadership schemes for nurses in improving both recruitment and retention.
25 th March 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt meets with leadership nurses from Crawley Hospital at the House of Commons – they report that many patients are surprised by the quality and speed of their treatment but think they have just been 'lucky' when in fact these improvements are now the norm. This is disheartening for staff who have worked hard delivering the improvements. She issues a press release but it is not taken up by any local media.
21 st April 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All local senior clinicians write to Laura Moffatt and the people of Crawley via local media to defend their proposals for the reconfiguration of A&E services.
22 nd April 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt issues press release setting out the massive increased investment now going into our primary care services – no local media cover the story.
17 th May 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt issues a press release on the fact that the Royal College of Nurses voted by a whopping 95% to reject Conservative Health plans for a 'patient's passport' – local media do not cover the story.
19 th May 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt issues a news release highlighting important report on the state of our NHS showing real progress in terms of increased work load, faster access and increased staff – no local media cover the story.
4 th June 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to local Chief Executives expressing her grave concerns following the proposed early transfer of night time A&E services. She also issues a press release on the subject but neither of the local papers uses it.
8 th June 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Chief Executives sign a letter in reply to Laura Moffatt's defending their decision and re-stating that all senior doctors and nurses have said the plans represent the best clinical care for everyone including the people of Crawley.
8 th June 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt challenges Crawley PCT Chief Executive Lynne Regent over concerns that changes have been moved forward due to recruitment problems – something which has never been offered as a reason in the past.

9 th June 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt asks the Deputy Prime Minister, during Prime Ministers Question time, about the impact of the re-configuration of A&E services on Crawley patients.
25 th June 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Minister Rosie Winterton MP writes to Laura Moffatt regarding her concerns relating to the impact of the reconfiguration of acute A&E services at Crawley. • The Minister confirms that the planning of services is the responsibility of local health Trusts and Authorities.
28 th June 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt supports the delay in service transfers following concerns from various quarters about the safety of such plans and issues news release on the subject.
30 th June 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to Health Minister Rosie Winterton regarding emergency services at Crawley hospital and the concerns of Junior Doctors.
5 th July 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crawley Hospital Walk-In Centre is opened offering 24 hour consultant led service for over 85% of patients who would have previously attended A&E. • However, confused information leads to many Crawley people believing the department is closed and therefore making pointless trips to East Surrey. • Senior Consultants from Crawley write to Crawley papers to clarify the service details. • Laura Moffatt issues a press release passing on the information that Junior Doctors say they are now content – it is not covered in local media.
6 th July 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues news release about the British Medical Association raising concerns for the future of income from private practice in the face of massive reductions in waiting times for surgery nationally – no local media covers the story.
14 th July 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with representatives of local Trusts and the Health Minister Rosie Winterton MP at the Department of Health to discuss the changes to A&E services which they have been implementing locally and the problems that have arisen. • Laura Moffatt issues a press release on the subject – local media do not report the story.
22 nd July 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release expressing her concern about the Trust losing a star rating – only the Crawley Observer covers the story.
27 th July 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Minister Rosie Winterton MP replies to Laura Moffatt saying that Dr Matthey as acting Chief Executive at Surrey and Sussex Trust had settled the concerns and all parties were now reported to be happy with arrangements. • The Minister did state the importance of the Trust improving local communications to avoid such concerns arising unnecessarily.
3 rd Aug 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release about Surrey and Sussex getting the second highest award in the region to re-furbish GP surgeries – local papers do not cover the story.
13 th September 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release expressing her concerns at reported problems following the transfer of acute A&E services – it is covered by the Crawley News.
21 st Sept 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Chairman of the Sussex Ambulance Trust following reported problems with ambulances queuing at East Surrey.
22 nd Sept 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to all local media setting out in brief a summary of her actions in relation to the issue of Crawley hospital over the years. It is in response to press reports that she has 'done nothing' – only the Observer uses the letter. • Laura Moffatt also writes to all the local Trusts expressing her deep concerns and seeking yet again their re-assurances on patient safety.
24 th September 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt receives a reply signed by all local health Trust Chief Executives yet again defending the doctors changes and assuring her fully on patient safety grounds.
25 th Sept 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes a piece, at their request, for the Crawley Observer about her position on Crawley Hospital – the paper decide not to run with it.
27 th Sept 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release following spending six hours with staff and patients at East Surrey A&E and Crawley Walk-In centre – no local media cover it.
29 th Sept 2001	<p>Laura Moffatt issues a detailed press release on her visit to Crawley Walk in Centre and East Surrey A&E. Neither paper covers the story</p>
1 st Oct 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following much criticism in local media that she was on holiday when services were transferred Laura Moffatt issues a press notice pointing out that one of her 'accusers' Henry Smith has cancelled his own invitation to visit with and meet the staff at A&E and the Walk-In. Both papers cover it.
6 th Oct 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All local senior clinicians write through local papers in response to Laura Moffatt's letter to re-state their position and defend the changes they have made to A&E services.
5 th Oct 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to Professor Sir George Alberti, National Director for Emergency Access seeking his advice in relation to the changes to A&E services at Crawley Hospital.
25 th Oct 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with Professor Alberti who agrees to arrange an independent review of the changes to A&E services.
Oct / Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to 38,000 households in Crawley setting out her position in relation to the changes that senior doctors have made to local services.

1 st Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt circulates a press release on her question to the Prime Minister. Both papers cover it.
2 nd Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with Health Minister Rosie Winterton MP to discuss on-going concerns relating to Crawley's acute health services in particular A&E.
9 th Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Observer responding to Jennifer Millar-Smith (Henry's wife) who has said Laura is wrong to say she cannot ultimately challenge doctors on their judgements regarding clinical safety.
12 th Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following receiving her invitation to next Tuesday's public meeting via email at 17.05 last night Laura Moffatt produces and delivers a very large pack, including all the reports and documents relating to the issue of Crawley Hospital dating back to 1997, to Rebecca O'Gorman to provide some helpful background for the meeting.
13 th Dec 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press statement condemning certain aspects of the PCTs financial plans. The observer cover the story.
16 th Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt is unable to attend a meeting arranged by the new Hospital campaign – having received only four days notice she is unable to get out of her parliamentary commitments. • Laura Moffatt produces this chronological list of her involvement with the Crawley Hospital issue and ensures that it is available to the meeting.
16 th Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release setting out her concerns about the lack of reporting in local papers of her press releases relating to her actions on the hospital issue. The Observer reports 53% whilst the Crawley News report only 19% using a mere 19 out of 69 statements issued since June 2001. Neither paper reports the figures.
17 th Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt does two interviews one with BBC South East and one with Southern Counties Radio following the meeting last night. • Laura Moffatt also issues a press release on the subject.
20 th Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with Rebecca O'Gorman of the Hospital campaign to discuss how they can work together.
25 th Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt receives copy of MP Richard Taylor's reply to a letter from hospital campaigner Oliver Coxhead.
26 th Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to local papers correcting inaccuracies in Henry Smith letter. Only the Observer print the letter
30 th Nov 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Chief Executives at the PCT and the Acute Trust asking them for further assurances in relation to medical support for the proposed changes.
1 st Dec 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt replies to Oliver Coxhead and supplies him with all the background material
2 nd Dec 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt takes Professor Sir George Alberti to the East Surrey Hospital so that he can begin his review of the service changes.
6 th Dec 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with Health Secretary and Professor Alberti to discuss his initial findings
13 th Dec 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release condemning PCT plans to reduce GP referrals unless they are over the 6 month wait or urgent. Only the Observer covers the story.
10 th Jan 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henry Smith issues press release condemning ward closures which have not yet happened.
10 th Jan 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust issues statement about proposed closures of the intermediate care wards at Crawley Hospital.
10 th January 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt puts out press release setting out her clear objections to the proposed ward closures and highlighting the confusing inaccuracies in Henry's statement. She also sets out the representations she is making to the Trust, the Strategic Health Authority and the Secretary of State for Health. • Only the Observer report Laura's actions.
11 th Jan 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust issues statement on proposed ward closures and winter vomiting.
12 th Jan 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Secretary of State for Health to bring her concerns for their plans to his attention.
13 th January 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt spends large part of the day trying to press the DoH for a timescale for the report on the state of A&E services from Professor Sir George Alberti and also highlights her concerns about management's proposals on ward closure.
14 th Jan 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt puts out press release setting out her concerns about the Trust management. Both local papers cover the story.
17 th Jan 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt spoke to Health Secretary John Reid to press for a date for the Alberti Report and to raise her real concerns on the performance at Surrey & Sussex Trust.
17 th Jan 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonight with Trevor MacDonald broadcast programme including problems with Sussex Ambulance.
19 th Jan 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press statement calling for the resignation of the Chief Executive at Surrey and Sussex
22 nd Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt has meeting with Rebecca O'Gorman of the Hospital campaign.

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24 th January 2005	Henry Smith takes Tory shadow health spokesman, Tim Laughton MP to meet the Trust Chairman –Just like his predecessor, Dr Liam Fox who visited before the 2001 election, Tim Laughton DOES NOT pledge his support for the new hospital as Henry has consistently promised.
25 th Jan 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt receives an interim letter from Professor Sir George Alberti highlighting his view that the most acute A&E care could not have remained safely at Crawley.
25 th January 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt receives request for letter from 2001 to then Secretary of State Alan Milburn MP from Sir William Wells relating to the moratorium which Reigate MP, Crispin Blunt is claiming proves it was a purely political move. Laura supplies the letter which proves that was not the case. Story is not covered.
28 th Jan 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Laura Moffatt receives interim letter from Professor Sir George Alberti – she replies asking if he will come to Crawley to meet with and take questions from local press.
3 rd Feb 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Laura Moffatt writes inviting Professor Sir George Alberti to come to Crawley and allow local people to ask him about the changes to A&E.
11 th Feb 2005	The Trust announce the appointment of acting Chief Executive – Anthony MacKeever
14 th February 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release welcoming the new Chief Executive – neither local paper uses her comments. She also writes to the Trust regarding hospital cleanliness.
18 th Feb 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henry Smith issues press release about hospital acquired infections which bears no relation to the situation at the local trust where real improvements have been achieved by hard working local staff. Both papers cover the story.
24 th February 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trust writes to Laura setting out the clear findings of the Patient Environment Action Team that there has been an 11% improvement in cleanliness at both hospital sites in the past 12 months and asks her to hand out awards at the 'Think Clean Day' celebrating the work of cleaning and housekeeping staff in achieving this improvement.
25 th February 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henry Smith issues press release stating that the Trust Chairman is being made to stand down as a result of Laura's political interference. In fact Laura has done no more than express her concern about the performance of senior Trust management. Both papers cover Henry's story.
28 th February 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release relating to her concerns about the ability of senior Trust management to improve the situation. Neither paper uses the press release.
28 th Feb 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust issues statement regarding the Trust Chairman – Adrian Brown – who has stepped down.
2nd Mar 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust issues press release announcing the early retirement of the Chief Executive.
2 nd March 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a further press statement confirming her opinion that the senior trust management did need replacing and expressing her initial positive meeting with the new acting Chief Executive – Anthony MacKeever. It is only reported by the Observer.
3 rd March 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release about the excellent work staff at Crawley hospital are doing to improve cleanliness at the hospital. Neither paper uses her press release.
10 th March 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Trust Chief Executive seeking his reassurances that Henry Smith's assertions that further closures are planned at Crawley Hospital are incorrect.
15 th March 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony McKeever writes to confirm that Cllr Smith's assertions about further closures at Crawley are not only wrong but contrary to proposals asnf forthcoming developments.
17 th March 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues statement following accusations of meddling from Henry Smith, in defence of her stance in calling for new trust management and defending her securing the moratorium in 2001. Neither paper takes the story although they had reported Henry's accusations.
17 th March 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt sends briefing note to the Prime Minister relating to the Trust financial position following the appointment of the new Chief Executive.
18 th March 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henry Smith – Conservative candidate in Crawley, issues a press release speculating on massive plans to downgrade Crawley and the loss of 1000 jobs at the hospital. Although it is refuted by the Trust entirely it receives prominent coverage in both local papers.
18 th March 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Tory, Henry Smith, issues a completely inaccurate press release relating to what he calls 'leaked documents' calling for further downgrading at Crawley hospital. • Laura Moffatt then spend considerable time talking to new Trust Management to try to understand what Henry is referring to – his claims are met with complete astonishment at the Trust who are planning nothing of the sort and are working to release £19 million to improve Crawley hospital. • Henry will not identify his 'sources'.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour's candidate in Reigate, Sam Townend circulates his letter to Reigate MP Crispin Blunt highlighting

29 th March 2005	the contradictory nature of local Conservative opinion concerning a new Crawley Hospital. Mr Blunt has been reported as calling the idea; ' <i>an uneconomic and expensive diversion.</i> ' Although it is Henry Smith's No.1 election pledge. Neither paper prints the letter.
1 st April 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trust issues statement on planned improvements at Crawley Hospital and the release of £19.2 million to achieve that and upgrade existing services.
4 th April 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes urgently to the Trust Chief Executive via email welcoming the improvements but pressing him on the issue of A&E services and the need to return more to Crawley and make better use of the local department for local people.
4 th April 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trust replies to Laura largely concurring with her views that there is scope for further 'significant development of services' at Crawley Hospital.
4 th April 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to 1,800 people who have contacted her on this subject to let them know this news.
8 th April 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to Trust Chief Executive calling for more services to be retained and returned to the Crawley site – in particular and an 'up-grade' to an urgent treatment centre where all but the very ill could be safely treated at Crawley.
Election 2005	
Throughout the election period Henry Smith takes every opportunity to promise to deliver a new hospital for Crawley despite failing to get that commitment from the Tory Front Bench Health Spokesman just weeks previously.	
23 rd April 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Campaigners gather in Queens Square to collect signatures. Laura Moffatt respects organisers pleas to make this non-political by attending quietly to offer her support. Henry Smith brings Tory protesters with banners from Horsham and is asked to leave by hospital campaigners. Local press do not cover this story.
28 th April 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Howard visits Oriol High in Maidenbower. Both local papers get to ask him one question – they both ask if he supports Henry's promise to build a new hospital for Crawley. Michael Howard replies that he will NOT make any such promise. Although both papers report this in their 'eve of poll' edition neither put it on the front page or in the headline of the report on the visit.
17 th May 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes (following the election) seeking a meeting with the new Secretary of State for Health Patricia Hewitt to make sure that she is fully aware of the history in Crawley.
28 th July 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to the Secretary of State for Health, Patricia Hewitt, seeking a meeting with the Minister, Laura and local campaigners.
8 th August 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to Health Minister, Caroline Flint MP, asking for her support in terminating a contract which is impacting on finances at Surrey and Sussex Trust. Laura Moffatt issues a press release telling people that she has written to Health Ministers. Neither paper covers the story.
15 th August 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt receives a reply from the Secretary of State for Health agreeing to a meeting with Laura and local campaigners in the autumn. Laura agrees to make the arrangements.
25 th August 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt receives a reply from the Department of Health in relation to the Trust financial position and the problem contract setting out that the decision rests with the Health Authority. Laura Moffatt writes to the Chief Executive of the Health Authority copying the Minister's response and urging him to seek early review of the contract which appears to be exacerbating the Trusts financial problems.
7 th Sept. 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt seeks clarification from the Trust following press reports that Haematology services are to be moved to East Surrey.
7 th Sept 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt meets with Rebecca O'Gorman in relation to the continuing hospital campaigning. She agrees to let her know as soon as she has a date for the meeting with the Secretary of State for Health.
13 th September 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt writes to the Strategic Health Authority seeking their view on the future for the Diagnostic and Treatment Centre contract in the light of the Department of Health's response.
18 th Oct 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt meets with Health Secretary Patricia Hewitt to discuss Crawley and to ask for a meeting with campaigners.
27 th Oct 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Moffatt questions Minister on the financial state of Surrey & Sussex Trust in terms of their ability to move forward and its impact on services for Crawley people. She issues a press release – it is covered in the News.
14 th Nov 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new Chief Executive – Candy Morris - is appointed at the Strategic Health Authority
14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to a typing error giving hospital campaigners a meeting date with the Health Secretary in February instead of December Laura urgently presses to reschedule a date. The meeting is now scheduled for

December 2005	31 st January (one month earlier that campaigners had expected) but local paper still runs a story implying a delay.
10 th Jan 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with new Chief Executive of the Strategic Health Authority – Candy Morris.
23 rd January 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with Department of Health officials to discuss how more services can be brought back to the Crawley site and to lobby for improved services and management in Crawley.
26 th January 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release about improved cancer services at Crawley Hospital as highlighted in an independent report. Neither paper covers the story.
31 st January 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt takes Rebecca O’Gorman and fellow hospital campaigners to the House of Commons for a meeting with Health Secretary Patricia Hewitt and to hand over the petition to return A&E to Crawley. Laura offers to investigate presenting the petition on the floor of the House.
1 st February 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release welcoming the ‘Turnaround Team’ which has been put into the Trust to help them get control of their financial situation. • Laura Moffatt writes to thank Rebecca O’Gorman and her colleagues for their hard work on the campaign.
7 th February 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt attends a meeting at the House of Commons about Health outside hospital (Primary Care) and invites the Primary Care Tsar to visit Crawley doctors to discuss changes and improvements.
16 th March 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservative Leader David Cameron visits Ifield Community College and becomes the third Tory Leader NOT to support local Tory promises for a new hospital in the town. Michael Howard said no in May 2005, Ian Duncan Smith refused to commit in writing in May 2004. Successive Conservatives Front Bench Health spokesmen have similarly refused to make that commitment,
17 th March 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with Crawley PCT management to discuss the Crawley Hospital situation.
29 th March 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with leader of Crawley Borough Council to discuss the future for Crawley Hospital.
31 st March 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt attends a meeting with local healthcare organisations to discuss the future for Crawley Hospital.
3 rd April 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press statement following her many meetings calling for the Trust to hand over Crawley Hospital to Crawley PCT in order to protect existing services, improve local provision and allow local doctors to take control over services at Crawley Hospitals in future. Neither local paper covers the story.
4 th April 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt attends special meeting of the Surrey and Sussex Trust Board to set out their plans for the future of Crawley Hospital. The handover of Crawley Hospital to Crawley PCT is announced. • Laura Moffatt issues detailed press release on the subject – one sentence of which is used in a report in one local paper.
12 th April 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both local papers give prominence to the view that the proposed take over of Crawley Hospital is a ‘downgrading’ to a glorified GP surgery despite the fact that this is not the view of the local PCT (local GPs). Cllr Millar – Smith states that this is about exchanging Consultants for GPs.
13 th April 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Observer clarifying the situation. Namely that this will not be about ‘exchanging’ GPs for consultants but about allowing the GPs to decide which services (including consultant lead services) they should commission at Crawley Hospital for local people.
24 th April 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues a press release highlighting the 9.5% (£12 Million) increased funding allocated to our local GPs making their imminent takeover of the management of Crawley Hospital even better news for local people. Neither paper reports the increase.
26 th April 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release highlighting an important new paper and joint statement from the Royal College of General practitioners and the Royal College of Physicians setting out their view of the importance of NHS changes. Neither paper uses the story.
10 th May 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt issues press release correcting some inaccurate reporting of local redundancies in the NHS which have naturally unsettled staff. Neither paper uses the release.
2 nd June 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt arranges meeting with the National Clinical Director for Primary Care, Dr David Colin-Thome and local Consultants and GPs. It is a really positive meeting with many local doctors talking about their concerns and views. Local press are invited but only the News attend it is not reported.
8 th June 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with Department of Health to discuss progress on Crawley Hospital.
19 th June 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with Beverley Malone of the Royal College of Nursing to discuss NHS progress.
22 nd June 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt attends meeting in London with local Primary Care Trust managers and other MPs to discuss deficits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt also attends a meeting the UNISON parliamentary unit to discuss the NHS.
12 th July 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt responds to comments from hospital campaigners that she is taking too long to table the campaigners petition on A&E services returning to Crawley. Laura responds that on investigation she found that an MP can only present a petition from their own constituents. It was therefore necessary to identify Crawley people – this involved a volunteer going through 35,000 names and identifying the 15,000 who were from Crawley – a major piece of work.
July 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt presents the petition on the floor of the House of Commons.
29 th August 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt is asked for a quote regarding her actions over the hospital. In spite of providing comment and spending some time talking to the local reporter no comment is used in the article.
2 nd Sept 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt is unable to attend the meeting called by UNISON and the Hospital Campaigners in Crawley to discuss our local NHS and privatisation. Although criticised for not attending, Laura never received any kind of invitation and was on holiday. A representative from Laura's office did attend.
21 st Sept 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt has meeting with Crawley PCT to discuss amongst other things the future for Crawley Hospital.
10 th October 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt attends the All Party Parliamentary Group on Local Hospitals AGM. This cross party group meets regularly to up date MPs on the important issues facing local hospitals.
11 th October 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt issues press release and writes to local Trust with regard to rumours that the future for the free hospital bus service is in question because it is central to the reconfiguration deal for Crawley. Laura pledges to campaign hard against any reduction in this service if necessary. Only the News use the storey.
24 th October 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt is informed that local Conservatives are launching a 'new' plan to deliver a hospital at Pease Pottage within 5 years. With no detailed plans or information available Laura writes to all those involved (Health Authority, Trust, PCT, local doctors and local politicians) seeking answers to a series of 20 very detailed questions. There is real concern about the plans to involve a private provider such as BUPA. ● The work which comes from this is very much on-going as responses come in from all the local health organisations etc....
1 st November 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt meets with a delegation from Crawley to talk about jobs and local services. She arranges for health Minister Caroline Flint MP to meet the group.
24 th Nov 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt has a meeting with the new Chief executive at Surrey and Sussex NHS Trust to ensure she is aware of local history and feeling.
28 th Nov 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt does an interview with meridian TV setting out her view of what is needed for A&E in Crawley and the compromise which has to be made over clinical safety.
29 th November 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt writes to local papers setting out her position regarding Tory plans for a new hospital at Pease Pottage. That position is that Laura will support any workable plan which can deliver the new hospital we all want but will not put her name to anything unworkable simply for electoral gain because it would mislead Crawley people. Laura is seeking views right across the health organisations.
12 th December 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt takes Health Minister Caroline Flint to visit Crawley Hospital to see the nearly completed up-graded state of the art facilities in the Urgent Treatment Centre, the new Physio Gym and Hydrotherapy pool. The Minister meets with staff and patients using the facilities. ● The group go on to K2 to see the new facilities there and the Minister spends some time talking with hospital campaigners. ● Laura Moffatt arranges for the campaigners to visit and tour the new facilities that day but they refuse.
20 th December 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt writes again to local papers as local Tories finally post their full plans on their campaigning web site. The plans run to 7 pages and Laura continues to seek the professional views of the health community.
18 th January 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt attends meeting at Crawley Borough Council to hear more about proposals for a new hospital at Pease Pottage. However, detail remains scarce. ● As responses have been received Laura can find no one in local health organisations who has had any detailed information or talks about the proposals.
8 th February 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt writes to Adrian Brown (co-author of recent plans for a new hospital) to seek clarification on what a 'Level 2' A&E would be as that is what is in his plans.
12 th March 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura Moffatt receives a response from Pease Pottage hospital consultant, Adrian Brown in which he states the seven published pages of the proposal represent a 'summary' which is underpinned by a 'considerable amount of work' – most of which is not in the public domain. He further states that the objective was 'to stimulate public debate' and there is no 'fully costed and modelled proposal.'

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To date Laura can find no health care organisations or bodies who have had any involvement with the proposals or who have any confidence in them. • The new Urgent Treatment Centre opens at Crawley Hospital with little or no media coverage. It will now be able to take and treat over 85% of people who EVER went to Crawley A&E.
March 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to all those who petitioned her regarding the A&E services at Crawley to let them know about the newly up-graded Urgent Treatment Centre and the new services and facilities available at Crawley.
14 th March 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt uses a question during Prime Minister's Question time to invite the Prime Minister to visit the new services at Crawley.
10 th April 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt visits Sussex Air Ambulance to hear first hand how that system works with local services.
23 rd April 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Chairman of the Health Trust following rumours that the shuttle bus service is under review making it clear that she will support no reduction in the service whatsoever.
10 th May 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Chief Executive of the Health Authority asking for evidence on outcomes for patients following the reconfiguration of A&E .
21 st May 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Chief Executives of the Health Authority, Surrey and Sussex Trust and the PCT following rumours that cancer services at the Olive Tree are under threat.
15 th June 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with the Chief Executive of Sussex PCT to discuss future developments at Crawley Hospital.
4 th July 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Chief Executives of the Health Authority and the PCT to question why the signage has not been up dated for the new Urgent Treatment Centre at Crawley.
18 th July 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with staff and supporters on Comet Ward to discuss future developments there.
15 th Aug 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with the Crawley Pensioners Action Group (CPAG) to discuss the 'Fit for the Future' consultation.
16 th Aug 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes again to Management at Surrey and Sussex Trust following her meeting with CPAG to raise some very specific issues around the use of the shuttle bus service.
17 Aug 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Crawley Observer in support of their campaign to save the shuttle bus and setting out some of the work she has already done on the subject.
20 th Aug 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt hears from the PCT that there are no plans to stop support for the Olive Tree Cancer Services - work is underway to find better premises.
30 th Aug 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt goes to meet the Chief Executive at Surrey and Sussex Trust to hear first hand about the security of the shuttle bus service between Crawley and East Surrey.
24 th Sep 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt has up-date on shuttle bus situation with Trust Chief Executive
1 st Oct 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Trust Chief Executive to express her concern for the Board decision to axe the shuttle bus. She suggests that more could be done to work with local bus companies and find a cheaper alternative rather than simply cutting the service.
1 st Oct 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to metrobus operators to see if they can work with local authorities to find a solution to the shuttle bus issue.
8 th Oct 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt is unable to attend 'Fit for the Future' consultation meeting at the Hawth due to Parliamentary commitments. She sends a representative.
8 th Oct 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to all Non Executive Directors at Surrey and Sussex Trust asking them to re-consider their decision to axe the shuttle bus and to honour the promise made by their predecessors.
11 th Oct 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Chief Executive of the West Sussex Strategic Health Authority expressing her anger at the decision taken by the Surrey and Sussex Trust Board in respect of the Shuttle Bus.
18 th Oct 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt does interview with Meridian TV about hospital cleanliness highlighting some of the progress made at our local hospitals.
19 th Oct 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to Health Minister Dawn Primarolo MP regarding the shuttle bus decision.
27 th Oct 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt attends the local committee meeting about the 'Fit for the Future' consultation at the Friary in Crawley and then goes on to Surrey and Sussex Trust to meet with the local Patients Forum at their AGM.
5 th Nov 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Healthcare Commission (who report on hospital performance) regarding the shuttle bus decision.
5 th Nov 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt submits her comments to the 'Fit for the Future' consultation in which she calls for the

	establishment of a Maternity Unit at Crawley hospital. Laura also re-states her support for a new hospital in Crawley if it has the support of local doctors and is deemed workable by the independent Options Assessment panel chaired by Sir Graeme Cato.
7 th Nov 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to leading NHS surgeon and Health Minister, Professor the Lord Ara Darzi asking if he will consider presenting his interim findings to Crawley people.
8 th Nov 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to invite Professor Sir George Alberti – National Clinical Director for Emergency Access and Dr David Colin-Thome – National Clinical Director for Primary Care to attend a meeting with other senior clinicians and allow Crawley people to question changes in healthcare provision.
7 th Dec 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt joins the Crawley Hospital League of Friends (of which she is President) for a Christmas meal and catch up from those at the front line.
12 th Dec 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Chief Executive of West Sussex PCT (local GPs) to ask that signage around Crawley be amended to reflect the up-graded Urgent Treatment Centre.
January 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt extends a very wide invitation to Crawley people to attend her 'Healthcheck' meeting to look at changes in healthcare and the Crawley position. • The purpose of the meeting is to bring Crawley people together with some of the leading clinicians who are driving health changes. This is about listening to the doctors views and trying to understand but also making sure they can listen to the views of Crawley people.
21 st Jan 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes once again to the Chair of Surrey and Sussex Trust regarding the Shuttle Bus service. After weeks of sifting through boxes of documentation to find a written commitment to provide this service in Trust literature dating back to 1999 constituent Harry Isherwood finds a 'Factsheet'. Armed with this written commitment, Laura raises the issue with the Trust once again.
25 th Jan 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with local hospital campaigners in Crawley to discuss ways forward.
30 th Jan 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt hosts meeting at the House of Commons attended by many Crawley people. It is an opportunity for people to hear from and question the senior clinicians who are driving the changes to our NHS. The meeting is oversubscribed. Change has been painful and difficult but we do need to listen to senior doctors and other professionals and try to understand what they are trying to achieve.
19 th mar 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the PCT Chief Executive, John Wilderspin, seeking an up-date on the PCTs proposals for capital developments in Crawley' health services as the Catto Review is about to get underway.
17 th Apr 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt meets with local hospital campaigners to go over latest issues.
26 th Apr 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt goes to Crawley Hospital to help the League of Friends in their garden refurbishment project
12 th May 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt receives the preparatory papers for the Catto review of health services in the north east of Sussex (Crawley and Horsham). The papers are some 400 plus pages and time is set into the diary for a response once they have been read in detail.
17 th May 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt is unable to attend the Pease Pottage Hospital rally in Crawley as she is only given 3 days notice by the organisers and has already agreed to speak at an important Crawley event to highlight organ donation. Although she send her apologies and asks that they be read out the organisers fail to do so.
28 th May 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Appointments Commission to highlight the lack of Crawley representation on local health boards and to express her concerns about the impact that may be having.
30 th May 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt responds in some detail and at some length to the preparatory papers for the Catto Review. She writes to John Wilderspin who is chief executive at the West Sussex PCT (local GPs) In particular Laura is concerned that any significant improvements at Crawley appear to have been ruled out before the Catto review (which is charged with looking at access) has even begun.
2 nd Jun 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to Henry Smith seeking his assurance that he has the support (in principle) of his Conservative colleagues for the ideas set out in his Campaign for Pease Pottage Hospital. Whilst Laura cannot support Henry's part private / part NHS facility, if there is a political consensus in principle then Crawley probably has the best chance yet of securing a new hospital in the town.
4 th Jun 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt decides to share the concerns she has raised with Mr Wilderspin with local people and prepares to mail a large number of local residents with copies of her response.
13 th Jun 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt goes to both local papers to set out her response to the Catto review preparatory papers.
16 th Jun 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt writes to the Chief Executive of the Strategic Health Authority to share her concerns about the limitations imposed before the review has started.
16 th Jun 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Moffatt publishes all her letters on the preparations for the Catto review on her web site and invites Crawley people to vote on whether they wish to see a fully NHS facility in Crawley.