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Dear Mr Morris

I write in response to your letter to Simon Stevens this month regarding possible rickets in Morecambe caused by poverty.

For convenience I am attaching the Child Poverty and Health Briefing that was produced earlier this year by the local CCG and Public Health. It describes a spectrum which spans from mild vitamin D deficiency to the rare condition called Rickets. In the final paragraph it states "Rickets is not directly caused by poverty".

To answer your specific question I have questioned both the CCG and Morecambe Bay Hospitals NHS Trust.

I am clear that no diagnosed cases of poverty caused rickets can be identified in Morecambe at the time the television programme was aired in December 17.

It is disappointing that this issue continues to cause concern to your constituents and I hope this clarification will assist closing the issue.

Yours sincerely



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