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Hi Andrea,

Just to keep you updated.

1. As of today 25 out of 71 units are closed. Some due to staff shortages, some because health centres that we operate from are not functioning normally.
2. In total through clinic closures and staff shortages we cancelled 1,120 appointments.
3. We are desperate to treat women asap to avoid surgical procedures, which have a higher underlying risk of complications. Today a woman who needed to go to hospital was sent by Uber after a 999 call was placed on hold (*before* triage) for 15 mins.
4. One of our broadsheets is preparing a front page lead on the bizarre decision to cause women travel to stand in a clinic foyer to swallow a pill that could have been sent to her at home.
5. An open letter signed by more than 30 public health leads calling to a U-turn on the U-turn will be published at the weekend.
6. We are hearing more stories of women who can't get Rx contraceptives. To get a prescription filled at Newton Place surgery in the Minister's home town required waiting outside in a queue to access the pharmacy for 90 mins.

Let's hope sense prevails over the weekend.

Best,

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