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Dear George,

Thank you for your correspondence of 23 May on behalf of a number of your constituents about NHS funding.

We are always pleased to receive ideas from the public about ways to improve the NHS. The Department is determined that all NHS patients receive the very best treatment and service. However, any suggestions concerning raising extra funds through taxation would need to be put to the Treasury, which can be contacted at

HM Treasury
The Correspondence and Enquiry Unit
1 Horse Guards Road
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Email: public.enquiries@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk

We know that the NHS is facing many challenges and that there are increasing pressures on the health and care system due to, amongst other things, an ageing population, changing public expectations and the cost of new drugs.

We have already committed to backing the NHS with an additional £10billion in real terms by 2020/21. We have now committed to backing the NHS in England further. By 2019/20, it will have received £2.8billion more for frontline services than was previously planned, including £437million of winter funding to help trusts to increase capacity.

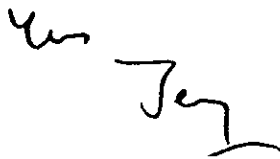
It was announced in the Budget that we will deliver an additional £10billion of

capital investment over the course of this Parliament. Sir Robert Naylor's review of NHS property and estates estimated the need for additional investment in the health estate at £10billion, which will come from Government, private finance projects and the disposal of surplus land. The Government will provide over £3.9billion of capital for the NHS, which is more than its share set out in the report. This will support the NHS to increase the proceeds from selling surplus assets by £3.3billion.

In March, the Government announced £760million of capital investment in 40 NHS services in England, marking the biggest one-off capital investment in NHS services in the last decade. Thirty-three sustainability and transformation partnerships will now benefit from this capital investment to transform NHS services, underpinning NHS England's *Five Year Forward View*'s agenda to transform patient care by 2020.

In addition the Government has also announced a further £150million to support the NHS's work to become more efficient.

The Prime Minister has outlined her commitment to the NHS and, in her evidence to the Liaison Committee on 27 March, announced her intention to come forward with a long-term plan for the NHS, supported by a multi-year financial settlement to deliver that plan, ahead of the Spending Review. The Government will work with NHS leaders, clinicians and experts to develop this long-term plan, to ensure that the NHS can cope with the serious demand and cost pressures it faces in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Hunt', with a stylized flourish above the first name.

JEREMY HUNT