

Alok Sharma, MP for Reading West

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Dear Constituents,

Thank you for contacting me about future NHS funding.

I believe fully in the NHS and its values, and I would like to assure you that the Government is committed to a tax-funded NHS, free at the point of use, wherever and whenever it is needed. As Ministers plan a new relationship with the EU, the Government will continue to ensure that the NHS is given the priority and stability it deserves.

Despite tight public finances, the Government has actively supported the NHS's own plan for the future. That is why it is providing the additional £10 billion of investment per annum in real terms by 2020/21 (compared to 2014/15) which has been requested by Simon Stevens, Chief Executive of NHS England, and which will fund a transformation in care. This will allow the NHS to offer 800,000 more operations and treatments and spend up to £2 billion more on new drugs. It will also ensure that by 2020, everyone will be able to access GP services at evenings and weekends.

On top of this, to secure the best value for taxpayers, the Government has introduced tough new financial controls to cut down on waste in the NHS, including introducing caps for agency staff and management consultants, and introducing central procurement rules.

I hope that you find this reassuring and thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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