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Dear Lady Finlay,

When we met recently on the NHS Funding Bill with Baroness Blackwood, we undertook to provide you with details of the Barnett consequentials relating to the NHS Funding Bill. This letter is also being placed in the Library so that the information is available to all members of the House.

You will recall that by 2023/24, the NHS will have an additional £33.9 billion to spend each year and that to give the NHS absolute certainty over this money, we are enshrining this long-term funding settlement in law. This is the first time any government has placed such a commitment to public services in legislation.

This is the funding settlement for England. Health is devolved in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is therefore the responsibility of the devolved administrations to decide how much funding to allocate to their respective health services.

The normal operation of the Barnett formula will however provide substantial additional funding to the devolved administrations as a result of the government's funding deal for the NHS in England.

The government set out indicative Barnett consequentials alongside the June 2018 announcement. These are shown in the table below. These figures are indicative because they are calculated using the increase in NHS England funding relative to an assumed 2018-19 baseline. Barnett-based block grants will ultimately be confirmed at future Fiscal Events and Spending Reviews.

£ billion (nominal)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Scottish Government	0.60	0.92	1.32	1.76	2.27
Welsh Government	0.37	0.55	0.80	1.06	1.37
NI Executive	0.20	0.31	0.45	0.59	0.76

Yours sincerely,

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