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Dear Tim,

I am writing to update you and members of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Radiotherapy on the Government's £70 million investment in radiotherapy machines.

As you know, the Chancellor announced this investment last year, and since then the Government has been working to allocate the funding to Trusts seeking to replace machines and they have now been informed about allocations.

In total 31 Trusts submitted applications for funding to replace a total of 40 machines with some Trusts applying to replace two machines. After North Middlesex University Hospital Trust joined the Royal Free London Group on 1 January 2025, during this application process, this became 30 Trusts. Each Trust had submitted a separate application.

Of the 30 Trusts that submitted applications, two (Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust, and University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust) withdrew their applications having already received funding for a replacement machine from NHS capital underspend. University Hospitals Birmingham did receive a contribution from this funding towards refurbishment of its radiotherapy bunker infrastructure. I have included the list of those 28 Trusts which have been allocated funding to replace machines. We expect that these new machines will be operational by spring 2026.

We recognise the importance that radiotherapy treatment plays in the care of many cancer patients, which is why we made this investment, and why we will look to continue to invest in radiotherapy treatment in the future.

Our forthcoming National Cancer Plan will include further details on how we will improve outcomes for cancer patients, as well as speeding up diagnosis and treatment, ensuring patients have access to the latest treatments and technology, including for radiotherapy. We aim to bring this country's cancer survival rates back up to the standards of the best in the world.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance to the APPG on this matter.

I have deposited a copy of this letter in the House of Commons library.

Yours sincerely,



ASHLEY DALTON

Annex - List of Trusts to receive funding for a replacement radiotherapy machine

Barts Health NHS Trust
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Guys and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust
Mid And South Essex NHS Foundation Trust
North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust (Royal Free London Group)
Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust
Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The Christie NHS Foundation Trust

The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust

The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust

University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust

University Hospitals of Derby And Burton NHS Foundation Trust

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust