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Dear Minister,

Transforming A&E at Queen's Hospital, Romford

I write further to my letter to the Secretary of State, dated 17 January, and the oral question I asked earlier today on funding for the remodelling of the A&E department at Queen's Hospital.

As I set out in my earlier correspondence, copy enclosed, the A&E department is now regularly operating at double its intended capacity. Consequently, the local acute trust, BHRUT, has no alternative to corridor care which provides a much poorer experience for patients, staff and families.

Following from the previous government's delivery of the St. George's Health and Wellbeing Hub in Hornchurch, there is now an opportunity to reconfigure and expand the A&E department at Queen's. BHRUT are seeking £35m in capital funding to help deliver this project and transform emergency care across the three London boroughs it serves.

When responding to my question today, the Secretary of State deferred to you as the decision-maker in this case, owing to the Trust also serving his constituents, and encouraged me to lobby you directly. To that end, I would be grateful if you would be able to update me on your department's consideration of this project and confirm when a funding decision can be expected.

With best wishes,

Julia