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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your correspondence of 23 September about Frimley Park Hospital. I apologise for the long delay in replying, which has been caused by an unprecedented volume of correspondence in recent months.

I completely understand your worries about the state of the buildings at the hospital.

As you are aware, in September 2019, I announced the next stage of our strategic investment in the NHS, with the launch of our Health Infrastructure Plan (HIP) with the aim of ensuring that the health infrastructure is fit-for-purpose for decades to come. Our HIP will deliver a long-term, rolling programme of investment, including capital to build new hospitals, modernise our primary care estate, invest in new diagnostics and technology, and help eradicate critical safety issues in the NHS estate.

In June, the Prime Minister announced £1.5 billion this year for hospital maintenance, eradication of mental health dormitories, to enable hospital building, and improve A&E capacity.

I am delighted to say that Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust will benefit from this additional funding. The Trust will receive £960,000 to address backlog maintenance to its estate, including the roof at Frimley Park hospital. The Trust was also one of the 117 recently announced to share in our £300 million investment to help prepare the NHS for the coming winter and will receive £1.8 million to upgrade its A&E facilities, including those at Frimley Park Hospital.

This is in addition to the £28.4 million sustainability and transformation partnership (STP) wave 2 funding the Trust was previously awarded towards the Frimley Health and Care STP Integrated Care Hubs project, which has enabled them to develop a huge programme consisting of eight smaller schemes across the area.

I know that the Trust is working extremely hard to provide the best possible services for the community and I look forward to seeing the first of the smaller schemes complete its construction over the coming months.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

MATT HANCOCK