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Dear Michael,

I am writing to you to confirm the outcome of the selection process for the next round of additions to the New Hospital Programme (NHP). I appreciate your long-standing support of Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust and the concerns you have raised in relation to Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC).

For those reasons I am pleased to confirm that we have today announced our commitment to rebuild the five remaining NHS hospitals constructed mostly using RAAC, including Frimley Park Hospital, by 2030 as part of NHP. As these schemes are large and complex, and due to the imminent safety issues they will be prioritised within the programme.

We will work closely with these trusts to progress their plans and how they fit with our national programme approach. We expect that the RAAC hospitals will start construction as soon as possible, with the first building works prioritised to begin in 2025. Frimley Park Hospital will benefit from the national approach to standardisation, Hospital 2.0, which is the vehicle through which we will see the greatest impact on both decreasing overall development timescales and ensuring value for money.

This government remains committed to NHP, delivering state of the art facilities for staff and patients across England, and I look forward to working closely with you and your local trust in the future.

Yours ever,

RT HON STEVE BARCLAY MP