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Dear Mr Lefroy

Thank you for your letter regarding the procurement of PET CT medical imaging in Staffordshire, Cheshire as Lancashire. As you are aware, NHS England is currently running a procurement to ensure people who require medical imaging continue to receive a high quality sustainable service. We are currently working with all parties, including the University Hospitals of North Midlands, to try to reach an agreement that is in the best interest of patients and allows continued use of the charity funded scanner at the Royal Stoke University Hospital.

The process for reaching an agreed solution is ongoing, but I anticipate that a conclusion will be reached soon. As these discussions are at a critical point, it is not possible to give more detail at present. I will write to you again shortly with a further update.

Yours sincerely



**Simon Stevens**  
**CEO, NHS England**

*I'm advised that progress has been made in the last few days...*