

Mr Jeremy Lefroy MP  
House of Commons  
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25 February 2015

Dear Mr Lefroy,

**Re: PET CT medical imaging in Staffordshire, Cheshire and Lancashire**

Further to my letter of 22 January, I am writing to update you on the outcome of the transparent national procurement of PET-CT scanning, in particular the arrangements for the continuation of the service provided at the Royal Stoke University Hospital.

This process is enabling an increase in patient access to vital diagnostic tests in cancer care, with PET CT scans provided by a network including NHS independent and charitable partners, and a number of leading academic institutions. This will mean:

- £87m investment over 10 years, across 30 different sites across England to install new scanners and improve the current infrastructure;
- Increased patient access to services, including the provision of PET CT scanning at five new locations (Bath, Bristol, Carlisle, Lincoln and Truro), where there is currently no provision at all;
- A commitment to move away from mobile scanning services towards sustainable, high quality static sites;
- Faster production of reports, meaning patients receive test results more quickly, thereby reducing the stress of waiting, and allowing treatment to start earlier;
- Greater value for money, with the cost of scans reducing by almost 18% from current prices; and
- A substantial number of PET-CT scans at no additional cost to support the research and clinical trials capability of the national network, not only in cancer, but also in new applications such as dementia, to provide the evidence needed to develop and enhance services for patients.

Twenty four existing sites will remain where they are, including the site at the Royal Stoke University Hospital, and six new sites will be added. We are pleased agreement

has been reached with United Hospital of North Midlands which allows the continued use of the charity funded scanner at the Royal Stoke University Hospital.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Stevens', with a short horizontal line underneath.

**Simon Stevens**  
CEO, NHS England