[The Royal Berkshire Hospital to receive two new CT scanners](#)

As a result of new Government funding to upgrade cancer detection technology The Royal Berkshire Hospital will receive two new CT scanners with advanced capabilities. This is most welcome news for patients and their families as early diagnosis is vital to saving lives.

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New NHS Capital Funding – Imaging equipment

Yesterday I formally announced that 78 trusts will benefit from a multi-million pound funding injection to upgrade cancer testing and detection technology. This includes:

- CT and MRI scanners, bringing in alternatives with lower radiation levels
- Breast screening imaging and assessment equipment

This money comes from the £200 million of funding the Prime Minister announced last month to improve screening and early diagnosis of cancer. It is part of the Government's commitment to ensure 55,000 more people survive cancer each year.

Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust is one of the trusts funded for the new scanners. It is all part of our Long Term Plan to ensure the NHS is always there for everyone.

Replacing and upgrading machines will improve efficiency as they are easier to use, they scan and construct images quicker, and reduce the need to re-scan. This will improve patient experience and will lead to earlier diagnosis, which is vital to saving lives.

This new equipment also brings new capability, with all machines AI enabled so the NHS is ready for the challenges of the future.

This is all part of our recent commitments to upgrade NHS facilities, and tackle the most urgent infrastructure projects and the largest hospital building programme in a generation, which will deliver at least 40 new hospitals over the next decade.

Yours ever,

MATT HANCOCK