

## News story: More A&E funding to help hospitals prepare for winter

The Secretary of State for Health Jeremy Hunt has today (15 June 2017) announced a second wave of funding to ease pressure on hospital emergency departments ahead of next winter.

The Secretary of State will confirm that a further £20.74 million has been awarded to 27 hospitals in England, which follows an initial £55.98 million given to 70 hospitals in April. This money is part of the dedicated funding announced in the Spring Budget to ensure local A&Es are prepared for the additional demands that winter brings.

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt said:

The NHS prepares well in advance for winter each year, but despite the hard work and dedication of staff, demand on services continues to increase as a result of our ageing population.

This vital investment will help hospitals change the way they assess and see patients so people are given the most appropriate medical care as quickly as possible.

The funding will be used to help hospitals properly equip themselves ahead of winter, particularly to handle the large volumes of patients attending A&E.

Hospitals will be able to 'stream' patients when they arrive in A&E, with a clinician assessing their needs and deciding where they can receive the most appropriate care.

It will also allow hospitals to build GP practices within their A&E units where patients with less urgent needs can receive treatment, further alleviating pressure.

Today's funding will also support wider plans set out by NHS England to improve A&E performance in England by 2018. In particular, it will help hospitals hit the target of admitting, transferring or discharging 95% of patients within 4 hours.

### **List of agreed proposals**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Bid value</b>	<b>Name</b>
London	£750,000.00	Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust
London	£757,554.00	Barts Health NHS Trust – The Royal London Hospital
Midlands	£596,976.00	East & North Hertfordshire NHS Trust
Midlands	£998,900.00	Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Midlands	£221,000.00	The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust
Midlands	£400,000.00	South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust
Midlands	£968,000.00	United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Midlands	£650,000.00	University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust – (QE site)
Midlands	£1,000,000.00	West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust
North	£1,000,000.00	Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
North	£975,000.00	Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – Doncaster site
North	£1,000,000.00	Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
North	£875,000.00	City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust
North	£981,560.00	Co Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust – Darlington site
North	£200,000.00	Countess of Chester Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
North	£825,500.00	County Durham And Darlington NHS Foundation Trust – North Durham site
North	£879,000.00	East Cheshire NHS Trust
North	£340,000.00	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
North	£660,000.00	St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
North	£990,667.00	Wirral University Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
North	£830,000.00	York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
South	£944,291.00	Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust – Darent Valley Hospital
South	£732,982.00	Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – John Radcliffe Hospital
South	£645,000.00	Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust
South	£855,000.00	Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust Queen Alexandra Hospital
South	£600,000.00	Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust St Peters Hospital (Chertsey) site
South	£842,600.00	Weston Area Health NHS Trust
South	£225,000.00	Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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## [Join The Great Get Together in memory of Jo Cox](#)

On Friday, it will be one year since the appalling, hate-filled murder Labour MP Jo Cox.

Her friends and family don't want it to be a mournful occasion. Jo was a

passionate campaigner, and inspired by her, they want us to channel our horror and grief into something positive.

So, they're spending the weekend celebrating what we have in common, and they've asked us to join them. It's called The Great Get Together, and it's a very simple idea: they're asking you to do something – big or small – to bring our communities together on 16 – 18 June. Will you join in?

At last count, 111,197 events are already planned across the country – from picnics of local schools to street parties, football tournaments and community iftars (breaking of the ramadan fast). If Liberal Democrat members join in, the celebration of having more in common will be truly huge.

Just let the Jo Cox Foundation know that you want to join in and they'll send you a list of ideas for how other people are getting involved.

The idea of the Great Get Together was born out of that desire to carry on Jo's work and celebrate our shared humanity.

An incredible range of organisations and individuals are taking part from the Scouts and GirlGuides to the RNLI, RSPB, Women's Institute and Premier League. The Big Lunch have also agreed to move their annual celebration. Every faith is also taking part. With us taking part as well, this will be an incredible celebration of what we have in common.

Sign up now to say you're in, and get full information on how you can join in, wherever you live.

[Get involved](#)

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## [Jeremy Corbyn statement- Grenfell Tower fire](#)

**Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Labour Party said:**

"I feel very angry that it was possible for the fire to spread in the way it did. I feel very angry that so many lives have been lost when the system didn't work.

"The many residents I met today are very angry too; their concerns about the building were not responded to and their questions were not answered.

"They asked me to speak for them when I get back to Parliament and I will make sure I do, alongside their new MP Emma Dent Coad.

"There are thousands of tower blocks around our country. Every single person living in one today will be frightened. They need answers to provide them

with security and peace of mind.

“Kensington is a tale of two cities – it is among the wealthiest parts of this country but the ward where this took place is one of the poorest.

“The judge-led public inquiry must be speedy and all residents should have access to legal aid and the support they need.

“Residents must also be re-housed, using requisition of empty properties if necessary, in the community they love.

“I would like to give thanks to the firefighters who risked their lives to save the lives of others, and the police and the paramedics who did the same.

“Some hard questions need to be answered. It cannot be right that in the 21st century a fire like this happens.

“It’s the responsibility of Government to tell us why the lessons of Camberwell, Southampton and Shepherds Bush have not been learned.

“There must be a proper ministerial statement in the Commons when the Commons is once again sitting and the Government must also immediately make sure the families affected have the resources they need.”

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## **News story: Webinar – 11 July – Meet the Buyer – The Department for Work and Pensions**

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is the largest government department in the United Kingdom, and is responsible for welfare and pension policy. In this webinar, hear from Claire Thomas and Zara Carter on how to sell your products and services to the work & health category of DWP, with a particular focus on mental health and wellbeing.

Join us to understand:

- How and where DWP advertises contract opportunities
- Spending trends on wellbeing and mental health
- Top tips on securing work via frameworks
- How to come to the attention of government buyers at DWP

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## **News story: Start date announced for negotiations with European Commission**

The first round of talks that will see Britain leave the European Union will start on Monday June 19, officials have confirmed.

Following discussions in Brussels today, both sides agreed that the formal negotiations under the Article 50 process can now start.

In a joint statement issued today, officials said: "Michel Barnier, the European Commission's Chief Negotiator and David Davis, Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, agreed today to launch Article 50 negotiations on Monday June 19."