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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Your Constituent,

RE: TRAVEL FUND FOR YOUNG CANCER PATIENTS.

Thank you for contacting me recently about the travel costs for young people receiving cancer treatment; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

I appreciate how distressing it must be for young people, and their families, if they are diagnosed with cancer and it is vital that young people affected by this terrible disease get the care and support they need. Cancer can affect all areas of a person's life, including their finances.

The Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme allows for patients (and in some circumstances their carers) to receive reimbursement for travel if they are in receipt of certain benefits or are on a low income, and if they have been referred to hospital or other NHS premises for specialist NHS treatment.

NHS England has stated that work is underway to review the service specifications for children and young people with cancer. I understand this will provide an opportunity to consider how some aspects of the patient pathway may be provided more locally to reduce the travel burden for patients and their families. I look forward to seeing the outcomes of the review in due course.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes

TOM PURSGLOVE MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
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