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Dear Constituent,

**RE: PARKINSON'S DISEASE.**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of Parkinson's disease; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

You are absolutely right to raise this and I know that the NHS is committed to improving care for people with long-term conditions such as Parkinson's disease. NHS England commissions the specialised elements of Parkinson's care that patients may receive from 25 specialised neurological treatment centres across England. I am aware that NHS England has published a service specification setting out what providers must have in place to deliver specialised neurological care. This supports equity of access to high quality services for patients wherever they live. Within these centres neurological multidisciplinary teams ensure patients can access a range of health professionals and that they can receive specialised treatment and support, according to their needs.

I am happy to note that the Government is implementing *The Five Year Forward View for Mental Health*, which prioritises the expansion of access to psychological therapies services for those with long-term conditions, such as Parkinson's, which will be integrated into easily accessible, existing primary or secondary care services. You may be pleased to hear that NHS England is working with the Neurological Alliance to ensure that NHS England consistently meets the emotional, cognitive, and mental health needs of patients with neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's.

I understand that the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has recently updated its guidance on the diagnosis, treatment and management of Parkinson's disease. These new guidelines will ensure that people with Parkinson's are able to access the best possible care and treatment in order to manage their condition effectively.

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,

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