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RE: STROKE SURVIVORS

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of support for stroke survivors.

I have read your comments on this important issue with interest and I know that good progress has been made in the treatment of strokes in recent years, with mortality rates for people who have suffered from them decreasing.

I am aware that action continues to be taken to ensure that further progress is made. I think we can all look to the great successes made in London in recent years, where the London Hyper Acute Stroke Unit model has been shown to save nearly 100 more lives per year than its previous model, at a considerably smaller cost to the NHS.

Work is continuing across the country to organise acute stroke care to ensure that all stroke patients, regardless of where they live, or when they have their stroke, have access to high quality specialist care. The *Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Outcomes Strategy* was published in 2013 and includes many stroke specific ambitions. As part of this, a CVD expert forum, hosted by NHS England, was established to coordinate delivery of the work through the strategy. NHS England has also been working with the Strategic Clinical Networks, Clinical Commissioning Groups, voluntary agencies and individual providers to support better commissioning and provision of stroke care.

The *NHS Long Term Plan*, backed by increased NHS spending of £33.9 billion per year by the end of five years, having been launched in January 2018, aims to prevent 150,000 heart attacks, strokes and dementia cases. This is through an increased focus on prevention through improved wellbeing, as well as better integrated community care.

Having a stroke means you are at greater risk of getting complications like pneumonia if you have COVID-19. Everyone is different, and if you have other health conditions, you also need to check how this affects you. If you are concerned about your health and Coronavirus, or about a friend or loved one, you should contact your GP.

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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