



**HOUSE OF COMMONS**

LONDON SW1A 0AA

19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

*Dear Anthony,*

**RE: CANCER RESEARCH**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns about Government investment in cancer research. I have read your comments with interest.

First, thank you for your kind invitation to attend Cancer Research UK's reception to mark World Cancer Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Unfortunately, owing to prior, longstanding diary commitments, I was unable to attend, although please rest assured that I will continue to follow the issues raised closely.

I am proud that the UK is a world leader in cancer research, and I recognise the importance of Government investment in ensuring that we can continue to improve survival rates and quality of life for cancer patients.

Current Government-funded projects include a £47.5 million partnership between Cancer Research UK, the National Institute for Health Research and the Little Princess Trust to deliver early phases of clinical research, which will generate new treatments for future generations. A further £22.5 million is being invested in cancer research to develop new immune-based cancer therapies. The Department of Health and Social Care is also partnering with BioNTech SE, with the aim of delivering 10,000 doses of personalised therapies to UK patients by 2030.

Further, the Government's 'Major Conditions Strategy' will provide a fresh opportunity to focus on how we can develop new treatments and diagnose cancer earlier to improve survival rates and the quality of life for everyone living with the disease. A call for evidence has recently concluded and I understand that the strategy will be published 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,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Pursglove'.

**TOM PURSGLOVE MP**  
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