

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

Region	Bid value	Name
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