News story: New £13 million funding to help hospital A&Es prepare for winter

A further 19 hospitals across England have been given a cash injection of over £13 million for emergency care, in the latest wave of winter funding announced today by Health Minister Philip Dunne.

Around £13 million has been awarded to improve patient flow through A&E, ensuring departments are prepared for busy times during winter. The additional funding brings the total given to hospitals since April to over £90 million, part of the dedicated funding announced in the Spring Budget.

Minister of State for Health Philip Dunne said:

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of staff, the NHS has put in place strong plans ahead of winter — ensuring patients continue to receive safe and efficient care as demand rises over the coming months.

This funding will give more hospitals the boost they need to streamline patient flow in A&E, freeing up A&Es to care for the sickest patients and helping make sure all patients get the right treatment in the right place as quickly as possible.

The funding will be used to help hospitals finalise preparations ahead of winter, particularly to handle the large volumes of patients attending A&E. By investing in the necessary equipment or infrastructure, hospitals will be able to target improvements to patient flow and relieve pressure on A&E.

The funding supports NHS England's wider plans 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

Trust	Amount
Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust	£981,000
Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust	£150,000
South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust	£875,000
Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust — Fairfield General Hospital	£223,000
Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust	£900,000
St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	£979,500
University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust	£530,000
Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust (North Manchester General Hospital)	£375,000
The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust	£925,000

Trust	Amount
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust	£190,900
Isle of Wight NHS Trust	£714,401
Royal Hampshire County Hospital — Winchester (Member of Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	£54,000
Medway NHS Foundation Trust	£1,000,000
Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust	£999,000
Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	£961,500
Chelsea and Westminster Hospitals NHS Foundation Trusts (West Middlesex University Hospital)	£882,000
Whittington Health NHS Trust	£1,000,000
London North West Healthcare NHS Trust	£642,000
London Ambulance Service NHS Trust (submitted jointly on behalf of all London Type 1 A&Es)	£998,280