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Huge funding boost will create an NHS fit for the 21st century

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By **Jeremy Hunt**

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SECRETARY

In a matter of weeks, the NHS turns 70, and the country will come together to celebrate an institution that turns heads across the globe.

From unleashing the era of mass vaccinations in the Fifties, to delivering world-leading breakthroughs like IVF and radiotherapy in the Sixties and Seventies, to trailblazing cancer screening programmes in the Eighties, the NHS has defined what a modern health system should be.

Today, as the Prime Minister announces a historic long-term funding boost and ten-year plan for the health service, we are backing the NHS to show the world what a cutting-edge 21st century healthcare system can look like, too. The new investment will see the NHS budget increase in real terms by over £20 billion a year in five years compared with today.

Labour like to talk big on the NHS, but it is a basic political fact that they will never grow the economy, create the jobs or generate the tax income that are a vital pre-requisite to funding our NHS properly.

In fact, this extra funding is greater than Labour's NHS spending pledge during the last election. It recognises the superhuman efforts made by staff over the last few years to maintain services in the face of rapidly growing demand. But it also presents a big opportunity for the NHS to write an entirely new chapter in its history. With a million more people aged over 75 to treat in the next 10 years, I've always felt we have a clear choice - to muddle through with temporary fixes, or be bold and approach this challenge more strategically.

I've been making the case for a long-term plan for some time now; with our population ageing and increasing, ever more people need more frequent and more complex care from the NHS. It takes seven years to train up new doctors, so the only responsible course of action is to plan ahead.

This settlement gives the NHS the

space and certainty to do that - and with it an obligation to deliver a comprehensive plan to transform health and care services and ensure that our children and grandchildren benefit from the very best healthcare.

The British public love their health service fiercely, and undoubtedly want it to be the top priority for their hard-earned tax contributions. But they are also rightly demanding about stamping out waste and inefficiency.

With new technology coming down the track, and today's promise of long-term certainty over budgets to allow strategic planning, there is no reason why we should not maintain or beat the record-breaking productivity gains we've seen over the last five years. With those type of efficiency gains, we can use this new funding to deliver the improvements people desperately want from their NHS.

Our cancer survival rates still lag behind the best Western European countries. Every family in the country - including mine - has been touched by cancer and if we are going to have the best health service we need to continue to improve our cancer survival rates.

Another example is mental health. We have embarked on one of the biggest expansions in mental health services in the Europe, but still people wait too long for treatment in a way we would never tolerate for a stroke or broken leg. There has been a dramatic, positive shift in attitudes towards mental health issues in recent years, and this disparity is no longer tenable. So let's make sure we tackle these waits.

Finally, we have taken some major steps forward in quality and safety, but we know that every week the NHS makes multi-million pound settlements to families affected by catastrophic brain injuries - it's time to end this scandal and aim to make the NHS one of the safest places to give birth in the world.

This long-term plan and historic funding boost is a fitting birthday present for our most loved institution.

The debate over Brexit can be divisive, but that famous campaign promise can now unite us all: the British public voted for £350m a week for the NHS, and that - and more - is exactly what this Government will deliver.

The British public voted for £350m a week for the NHS. We will deliver that - and more, writes Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt for the Telegraph.

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Business Secretary Greg Clark writes for today's Times Red Box:

"The potential of AI is undeniable. Our next challenge is to further harness this technology in a range of ways: from how we diagnose diseases, to how goods are manufactured."

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Our connected world can be a risky place for a child, and we have a duty to step in and help

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By Nick Gibb
MINISTER FOR SCHOOL STANDARDS

All bullying is cruel and unacceptable. No one deserves to spend their childhood tormented and harassed, physically or mentally, in the playground or at home on their laptop. On Stand Up to Bullying Day, I welcome research that shows schools are starting to see progress in stamping out violent and physical bullying. Between 2006 and 2015 the proportion of teenagers reporting threats of violence at school – or actual violence – fell. This is due to schools introducing anti-bullying policies that protect pupils, put teachers back in charge of their classrooms and stop disruption and poor behaviour. But today's research also highlights the threat of the relatively recent phenomenon of cyberbullying. Teenagers are increasingly reporting being abused, threatened and excluded online. Cyberbullying is now reported as a specific concern for 10 per cent of those interviewed. The internet has opened up a world of opportunity for children. It is a network for friends to connect with each other, a learning resource to help with their studies, a stage to showcase their talents and a lens to explore the world. But for parents, most of whom did not grow up with smartphones or social media, there exists a clear and understandable worry that the internet has brought new dangers that are often hidden from us. They may be unaware of the websites their children access without permission, or the addictive and violent video games they can download despite being under age. Monitoring what children access online can seem an impossible and never-ending task. What might appear as harmless teasing to outsiders can follow a child home and become intolerable. A comment on a group chat online, or an image posted on social media, can make it all over school the following day – the old adage that "news travels fast" is especially true in today's connected world. The opportunity to participate in bullying indirectly by joining in with a joke online is greater. In response, schools are adopting innovative approaches. Instead of trying to stop children using the net, staff at Waterloo Primary School in Merseyside focus on developing their social conscience, teaching them how to behave online and discussing how online statements might make others feel, especially when seen by a large audience. The school works closely with parents, including via a smartphone app that signposts helpful resources on the school's website. The Government is to make internet safety compulsory in relevant lessons and we will be talking to children, parents and teachers about the best way to do this. We will look at which schools take successful approaches and we will share their best practice. We are working hard to support schools and parents in helping young people cope with the modern world and its challenges. Our Educate Against Hate website has resources to protect children from extremism and radicalisation. The *Telegraph's* Duty of Care campaign, launched this week, is a welcome addition to the many voices helping to protect children online. Ultimately, it's a job in which we all share responsibility. That's why today we will take a collective stand against bullying by supporting Stand Up to Bullying Day and help shape the kind of society we want for our future generations.

We must protect our children from online bullying just as we do offline, writes Schools Minister Nick Gibb for the Telegraph

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The Prime Minister writes for the Evening Standard one year on from the Grenfell fire tragedy.

"The Grenfell fire was a tragedy that should never have happened – and I am determined that it will never be forgotten."