



Department
of Health &
Social Care

From Edward Argar MP
Minister of State for Health

39 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0EU

020 7210 4850

PO-1248381

Peter Aldous MP
Co-chair
East of England All Party Parliamentary Group
By email to: eeappg@devoconnect.co.uk

8th September 2020

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 August to Matt Hancock about a new children's hospital and a cancer research hospital for the East of England.

I read the correspondence with care and I recognise your commitment to this issue. With regard to the new Cambridge Children's Hospital, the latest information provided by Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Trust indicates that the children's hospital is on track with a planned completion date expected in the financial year 2025/26.

The Trust was awarded up to £100million of public capital at tranche 4 of the sustainability and transformation partnership finance for the Cambridge Children's Hospital scheme. Early funding of £10.764million has been provided to develop the outline business case, which will include reviewing the funding options. The Trust states expects to submit this in Spring 2021.

With regard to the new cancer research hospital, this also has a planned completion date for the financial year 2025/26. As part of phase 2 of the Health Infrastructure Plan, the Trust was awarded £5million of seed funding to develop its proposals for Addenbrookes. A strategic outline case, that includes plans for a cancer research hospital is currently in progress and will review funding options.

Future NHS capital funding for both projects will be determined as part of the Department's multi-year settlement at the upcoming Spending Review.

With regard to the integration of health and social care, The Government's number one priority for adult social care is for everyone who relies on care to get the care they need throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Putting social care on a sustainable footing, where everyone is treated with dignity and respect, is one of the biggest challenges we face as a society. There are complex questions to address and it is important that we give these issues our full consideration in the light of current circumstances and bring forward a long-term plan for social care.

I hope this reply is helpful.

EDWARD ARGAR MP