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Rt Hon Sir George Howarth MP House of Commons London SW1A 0AA

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Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 16 September regarding ahead of the Comprehensive Spending Review, related to the Cancer Research UK campaign. The Treasury has received unprecedented amounts of correspondence since the start of the coronavirus outbreak in the UK and I am sorry for the delay so far in replying. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has asked me to write to you directly.

The Chief Secretary is grateful to you for drawing his attention to the issues set out in the Cancer Research UK submission for the Spending Review. He would like to assure you and your constituents that the Government is committed to continuing to improve cancer care within the NHS, including investing in our NHS workforce and life-saving research.

Treasury officials are examining the specific ideas and suggestions in your constituent's correspondence. While it would not be appropriate to respond in detail to the points made at this stage, I can assure you that the suggestions have been noted.

I hope this is helpful. If you have any questions about this reply, please email public.enquiries@hmtreasury.gov.uk quoting reference MC2020/33627.

Yours sincerely,

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