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Dear Sir George Howarth,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 9 March regarding NHS pay. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has asked me to write to you directly.

The Government values all our NHS workers and their continued efforts during the pandemic. We recognise the pressures and challenges they have faced over this period and HM Treasury is working with the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) to ensure they are supported to continue the fight against COVID-19.

Given the unique impact of COVID-19 on the health service, and despite the challenging economic context, the Government will provide pay rises for over 1 million NHS workers this year.

The DHSC has now submitted evidence to the NHS Pay Review Body and Doctors and Dentists Review Body. These independent Pay Review Bodies will make a recommendation on a pay uplift for NHS workers for the 2021/22 financial year.

The Bodies will take the Government's evidence into account, alongside considering the unique circumstances that NHS staff are working in and the need to recruit, retain and motivate suitably able and qualified people.

As the Pay Review Bodies are independent, we do not wish to pre-empt their recommendations. The Government will carefully consider the Pay Review Bodies' recommendation once received and make a final decision after that point.

I hope this is helpful. If you have any questions about this reply, please email public.enquiries@hmtreasury.gov.uk quoting reference MC2021/09603.

Yours sincerely,

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