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NHS funding

Thanks to everyone who has written to me about NHS funding.

Nurses, doctors and all the other staff who make up the NHS do a fantastic job and work around the clock to cope with rising demand and an ageing population but Ministers are failing to give them the resources to do the job. Eight years of underfunding by the Conservatives has left our NHS at breaking point and NHS staff and patients deserve better.

The challenges facing the NHS are ever-mounting and have only been exacerbated by the policies of the current Government. Austerity for the NHS has meant the biggest financial squeeze in its history, as a result public health and social care budgets have been short-changed by billions. All this after millions were wasted in an unnecessary top down reorganisation imposed by the Conservative-led government between 2010 and 2015.

This year marks 70 years since the birth of the NHS, established by the Labour Party against all the odds to deliver healthcare for all – based on need, not ability to pay. The pride and commitment we feel towards the NHS is stronger than ever. But the challenges facing our health service are some of the greatest it's faced in its history.

All this is why we desperately need a new approach to our NHS to provide staff with the resources to deliver the standards that patients deserve, address the crisis in social care and provide patients the modern, well-resourced services they need for the 21st century. The future of our NHS is too important to neglect it in the way the Government has done in recent years.

Thanks again to all those who have contacted me about NHS funding.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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