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THE PRIME MINISTER

*Dear Daniel and Philip,*

Thank you for your letter of 26 April, regarding the Hospitals Transformation Programme (HTP) in Shropshire. I apologise for the delayed response.

I want to assure you that the Government fully recognises the need to invest in improving health infrastructure across the country. As a part of this, we are investing £1.7 billion in a hospital upgrade programme, which includes Shropshire's HTP.

I am pleased that the Strategic Outline Case was approved in August 2022, allowing the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust to move to the next stage in the business case process. I understand that, to support the trust to develop the Outline Business Case, a sum of £9.9 million has been approved in principle and the case is due to be submitted to the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) in the coming months.

I know that the DHSC will continue to work closely with colleagues in NHS England and the Trust to support the development of the scheme and consider appropriate timing and phasing in the context of budget planning. Further early funding may be made available for business case fees or enabling works, and the Department and NHS England will consider requests as they review and plan budgets for the current financial year.

I look forward to seeing your scheme progress and want to thank you, once again, for writing to me.

*Yours sincerely,  
Rishi Sunak*

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