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Dear Constituents,

Thank you for contacting me about the National Health Service.

In direct answer to your question, yes I am absolutely committed to ensuring that the NHS continues to be free at the point of use.

I believe that the NHS should be valued, protected and improved. However, we can only have a strong NHS if we have a strong economy to pay for it. Our long-term economic plan means we have been able to increase the annual NHS budget by £12.9 billion this Parliament, which has helped pay for nearly 9,500 more doctors in the NHS, over 6,900 more nurses and more than 2,100 more midwives.

A Conservative Government will **increase spending on the NHS every year** in the next Parliament and will improve GP access, so by 2020 everyone will be able to see a GP seven days a week and hospitals will be properly staffed with consultants seven days a week.

I hope that you find this reassuring and thank you again for contacting me.

Yours sincerely,



Alok Sharma