

## Mark welcomes £20m Health Funding Boost

Mark has welcomed news that Milton Keynes is set to have a £20 million major funding boost for healthcare over the next two years.

The news announced today by the Department for Health, means that the Milton Keynes Clinical Commission Group (CCG) responsible for commissioning many of the healthcare services in Milton Keynes will see its funding rise from over £244m this year by approximately £10m in each of the next two years.

The rise is the 5th largest increase for any CCG in the country and is in addition to the recently announced extra £2.7m for the hospital to help it cope with extra pressure this winter.

The major increase comes as Government have changed funding formulas, partly from pressure from Local MP's, to recognise the major increase in population that is experienced in Milton Keynes.

Commenting Mark said;

"This is tremendous news and having first raised this in Parliament back in 2010, we've campaigned long and hard to get funding formulas to properly recognise our major population growth in Milton Keynes, I'm delighted that the Government has both listened and acted. It underlines a clear commitment by this Government to properly fund healthcare and a real time increase of over £20million over the next two years will make a major difference to us here in Milton Keynes."