

## A&E Investment

Positive news this week from the Department of Health that the A&E department at Milton Keynes Hospital is to receive Â£2.9m of investment.

Having campaigned to support and fund our hospital for over 10 years it has always been an emotive issue. Both Iain Stewart MP and I have been working behind the scenes to spearhead the campaign for investment.

Working closely with Joe Harrison, CEO of MK Hospital, we are fully aware that the number of patients are rising by 10 per cent each year and so I am delighted that Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt has indicated that MK Hospital could be in line to receive an additional Â£2.9m funding to physically expand our A&E.

This strong message comes at a time when a review is being undertaken of Bedford and Milton Keynes health services. This funding demonstrates a secure future for our A&E department.

For some time we have been calling for more resources to meet the increased demands from our growing population, with the Government responding positively to date, I look forward to seeing this investment secured and implemented as soon as possible.

Whilst I appreciate there will be those who wish to shed a negative light on our hospital, I am clear, that with investment like this, together with the news of the opening of the new medical school, our hospital has a bright future.