

## Mark welcomes the £10.1m NHS increase in Milton Keynes

MILTON Keynes is to receive a total revenue allocation of £371 million to fund its local NHS services according to the Health Secretary.

In a letter to MPs Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart, Health Secretary, Andrew Lansley informed them of this allocation for 2012-13, which amounts to an increase of £10.1 million.

According to Mr Lansley, the total revenue allocation includes £352.9 million for recurrent allocations and £17.7 million for non-recurrent allocations for primary dental care, pharmaceutical services, general ophthalmic services and support for joint working between health and social care.

Welcoming this announcement, Mark Lancaster said: "I am very happy with the increase in the MK Hospital budget of £10.1 million and hope that this will be spent on the frontline services which our residents use the most, this is a clear demonstration of the commitment from the government to health services in Milton Keynes."

Mr Stewart added: "This is a real term increase in the NHS budget for Milton Keynes and I am delighted that the Government has kept its commitment to boost spending on the NHS despite this difficult economic time. This money will go to ensuring a top quality front line medical service is maintained in our city."

The PCT revenue allocations in 2012-13 will grow at 2.8 percent and will be the last round of allocations made to PCTs, subject to the successful passage of the Health and Social Care Bill.