



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about Parkinson's disease. I agree that it is important to ensure that people with Parkinson's disease can access the necessary treatment to live a fulfilled and independent life.

I know that the NHS is committed to improving care for people with long-term conditions such as Parkinson's disease. NHS England commissions the specialised elements of Parkinson's care that patients may receive from 25 specialised neurological treatment centres across England. I am aware that NHS England has published a service specification setting out what providers must have in place to deliver specialised neurological care. This supports equity of access to high quality services for patients wherever they live. Within these centres neurological multidisciplinary teams ensure patients can access a range of health professionals and that they can receive specialised treatment and support, according to their needs.

I understand that the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has recently updated its guidance on the diagnosis, treatment and management of Parkinson's disease. These new guidelines will ensure that people with Parkinson's are able to access the best possible care and treatment in order to manage their condition effectively.

Thank you again for taking time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris".

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY