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Dear Lord Mair,

I am writing to share news of an important health data initiative announced yesterday that marks a significant step forward in enhancing our health data infrastructure and research capabilities. The Government will invest up to £500 million to establish a new health data research service. The service will unlock the power of NHS data to transform research and improve health outcomes. The Wellcome Trust will be the first charitable funder supporting this groundbreaking initiative, committing an additional £100 million towards its development.

The service will provide a comprehensive platform for health data research, streamlining secure access to a wealth of UK-wide data assets to support clinical trials, AI-driven healthcare innovations and public health improvements. This initiative is poised to accelerate progress in health data research, which will, in turn, lead to better, more informed healthcare decisions, faster.

The government is committed to involving the public as we design the service, building public trust and understanding through transparent communications and discussions about how their data is used. We will engage extensively with stakeholders and the public in coming months to ensure the service is trusted and secure while delivering health benefits to patients across the UK. Responsible data use will reduce health inequalities and improve patient outcomes.

The health data research service will provide secure access to existing data where it currently sits, ensuring robust security and confidentiality. The service will be hosted at the Wellcome Genome Campus near Cambridge, leveraging the campus's world-class facilities and expertise.

We look forward to working closely with Wellcome and other stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation of a service that will drive faster research that benefits patients sooner.

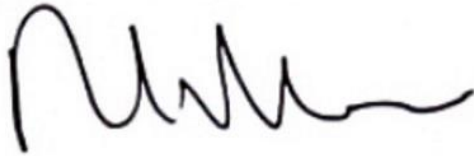
The establishment of the health data research service represents a significant milestone for patients, the NHS, and the UK life sciences sector. I would be happy to provide further information or discuss this initiative with you if that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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