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Dear Jonathan

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Support for the establishment of a UK Dementia Research Institute (UKDRI) hub building at the Eastman Dental Clinic site

I am writing in support of the above proposal. This hub would benefit international medical research through finding treatments for devastating neurological diseases that account for 13% of global disease prevalence and affect four million people in the UK. There would also be significant benefits to the UK economy through reducing the cost of neurological diseases, which is estimated to amount to £112 billion every year.

There would also be benefits to the local economy through job creation; the proposed development would support a total of 944 full time jobs.

The centre would deliver the expansion of much-needed NHS outpatient facilities for neurological treatment, for the benefit of patients in Camden and beyond. The delivery of six new MRI scanners would provide scanning services for an additional one million people and there would be social, educational and medical opportunities for local outreach to schools, hospitals and charities.

With no new treatments for any form of dementia in over 20 years and nothing that can slow the progression of these devastating diseases, research is more vital than ever. The UKDRI is transforming neurodegenerative research, bringing hundreds of world leading researchers together across sites in London, Cambridge, Cardiff and Edinburgh to work on the problem. The UKDRI hub in London, proposed at the Eastman Dental Clinic site, will be the central focus of the institute, coordinating the collaborative effort to move us towards new life changing treatments.

Kind regards



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Chief Executive