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Dear Minister,

Thank you for your considered response to the recent debate on Dementia Care.

As the debate demonstrated, dementia is an issue that is close to the heart of many Members of Parliament, and is a condition with which you are all too familiar yourself.

It was moving to witness colleagues from across the House coming together to share their own experiences as well as those of their constituents, and to call for greater support. It was also a pleasure to hear tributes to the hundreds of organisations across the country that are doing amazing work supporting those living with dementia, many of which rely on committed volunteers to keep going.

As many Members mentioned, early diagnosis is key. I was therefore pleased to hear confirmation of the Government's commitment to the diagnosis target of 66.7% and that work has been initiated to reduce the regional disparity – nowhere is this more key than in my constituency, which has the lowest diagnosis rate in the country.

I also welcome the Government's support for scientists and organisations working to deliver new treatments and ways to care for people living with dementia.

I am writing on behalf of the colleagues undersigned to ask the Government to take urgent action to ensure every NHS acute trust has a specialist dementia nurse service, providing much-needed support in the community and enabling those living with dementia to be cared for at home for as long as possible.

Investing in dementia support is known to save the NHS money in the long term – keeping people out of hospital who don't need to be there – so we urge the Government to bring forward ringfenced funding for specialist dementia nurses.

Thank you again for your support on this issue.

With best wishes,

Yours Sincerely



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