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I warmly welcome the statement. The extra funds for the NHS constitute a clear endorsement of Simon Stevens's excellent "Five Year Forward View". I particularly welcome the announcement of multi-year budgets and investment in patients' ability to control their own records. Will the Secretary of State confirm that the process of creating paperless NHS hospitals will move seamlessly from primary to secondary care, and will be controlled by patients themselves?

Jeremy Hunt (The Secretary of State for Health; South West Surrey, Conservative)

The commitment to a paperless NHS is not a commitment to the creation of paperless hospitals by 2018; it is a commitment to the creation of a paperless NHS so that, with patients' consent, information can flow seamlessly between different parts of the system. The interface between primary care and secondary care, and social care, is a very important part of that process.

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