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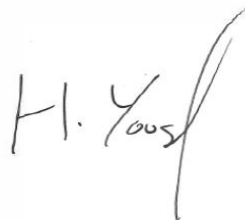
Dear Convener

Today, at the SNP Conference, I announced our intention to invest new annual funding of £100 million to help reduce inpatient and day-case waiting lists by an estimated 100,000 patients over three years.

This investment will allow us to maximise capacity, build greater resilience into the system and deliver year-on-year reductions in the number of patients who have waited too long for treatment.

While spending plans for 2024-25, and future years, are subject to the outcome of the Scottish Budget process and associated approval by the Scottish Parliament, the recurring annual revenue investment will help inform NHS Boards' multi-year planning to create capacity and accelerate treatment for patients.

The Scottish Government intends to present the Draft Budget 2024-25 to Parliament on Tuesday 19 December 2023.



Humza Yousaf