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Working Hard for the Leigh area

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Andy Burnham MP calls for local clinic bid

Andy Burnham MP today asked local hospital chiefs to bid for a new community clinic for the Leigh area after the government announced a £750 million fund for new community services in places more accessible to busy workers and families.

The Government today said that the £750 million drive will be used to create local clinics to speed up treatment by delivering health care closer to people's homes.

Typical facilities these clinics could provide include x-rays, blood and urine testing and ultrasounds. Community hospitals could also offer minor procedures such as endoscopies and biopsies.

Andy Burnham MP said:

"I know many people in the Leigh area want to visit a clinic near where they work, or when in town with the family. That's why I'm pleased the government has set aside £750 million for new community clinics, and I want our local health trust to be pushing their way to the front of the queue for this money.

"It is much better to be treated in local purpose built clinics rather than have to go into hospital if they don't need to.

"People in the Leigh area want fast and convenient local services – you should be able to get care wherever is most convenient for you. This new announcement is good news for the people of the area."

Work on building the first new clinics and community hospitals will start early next year.

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