

best to support those suffering from long-term yet treatable conditions, such as drug or alcohol addiction, or obesity, back in to work. We will be the first country to implement a national, evidence-based diabetes prevention programme. And we will invest more in primary care, to help prevent health problems before they start.

### *We will ensure you receive the best healthcare*

We will speed up your access to new medicines by implementing the findings of our Innovative Medicines and Medical Technology Review. We will increase the use of cost-effective new medicines and technologies, and encourage large-scale trials of innovative technologies and health services. Antibiotic resistance is a major health risk so we will continue to lead the global fight against it, taking forward the recommendations of the independent review launched by the Prime Minister, David Cameron. And we will support our long-term economic plan by fostering research, innovation and jobs in the life science industry.

### *We will help if you or your loved ones are affected by cancer*

Cancer survival rates are improving, and are now the best they have ever been. We will continue to invest in our life-saving Cancer Drugs Fund. We will work with the NHS, charities and patient groups to deliver the new strategy recommended by NHS England's cancer taskforce. This will improve survival rates and save thousands of lives through enhanced prevention, earlier detection and diagnosis, and better treatment and care. We will continue to support research to improve the diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases and cancers, including through

Over 60,000 people have benefited from the Cancer Drugs Fund

decoding 100,000 whole genomes. This will help scientists and doctors understand diseases better, and design more effective, personalised treatments.

### *We will continue to take your mental health as seriously as your physical health*

We have legislated to ensure that mental and physical health conditions are given equal priority. We will now go further, ensuring that there are therapists in every part of the country providing treatment for those who need it. We are increasing funding for mental health care. We will enforce the new access and waiting time standards for people experiencing mental ill-health, including children and young people. Building on our success in training thousands of nurses and midwives to become health visitors, we will ensure that women have access to mental health support during and after pregnancy, while strengthening the health visiting programme for new mothers.

### *We will ensure that people can grow old in comfort and dignity*

We have led the world on fighting dementia, and will deliver our strategy – the Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia 2020 – making sure that everyone diagnosed with the condition gets a meaningful care plan to support them and their family. We will increase support for full-time unpaid carers. We will guarantee that you will not have to sell your home to fund your residential social care. Too many people spend their last days in hospital when they would prefer to die closer to home; we will support commissioners to combine better health and social care services for the terminally ill so that more people are able to die in a place of their choice. We will continue to integrate the health and social care systems, joining-up services between homes, clinics and hospitals, including through piloting new approaches like the pooling of around £6 billion of health and social care funding in Greater Manchester and the £5.3 billion Better Care Fund.