

## **The Prime Minister strengthens his commitment to health research**

In his keynote speech to the Labour Party conference in Manchester, on the 23 September 2008, the Prime Minister Gordon Brown, said:

*"And today I want to show how this government will pursue what I believe to be one of the noblest and boldest contributions of this country to our shared human fortunes.*

*Since the war nearly one third of Britain's Nobel prizes have been for our genius in medicine. We should now aspire to stretch the boundaries of human knowledge and human health ever further.*

*I want Britain to lead the world in beating the diseases which cause such heartbreak for families. Over the last few years we have made major breakthroughs in research relevant to cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and strokes and many more - but these have yet to be turned into treatments from which we can all benefit.*

*So let me tell you today that the unprecedented £15 billion we are investing in medical research will be directed to turning the major advances of the last few years into actual treatments and cures for NHS patients.*

*And over the next decade we can lead the way in beating cancer and other diseases, a great endeavour worthy of a great country - proud because we have a health service focussed on 21st century needs."*