

Elon Musk and the NHS

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This is the transcript:

Somebody asked me an interesting question the other day.

They said, "What if Elon Musk offered the NHS £100 billion? Should we take it?"

I stress he hasn't done that. But let's just suppose for a moment that he did.

Most people would immediately say, "Yes, grab the money." After all, £100 billion for the NHS sounds like a dream solution. More money for hospitals, more doctors, shorter waiting lists: you'd be happy, right?

But here is the uncomfortable question that almost nobody asks. What if the problem isn't money at all? What if the real issue is something completely different?

Let's just suppose that Elon Musk really did transfer £100 billion to the UK NHS tomorrow. Would that automatically fix the NHS? No, it wouldn't, because money does not treat patients. Money does not perform operations. Money does not train doctors or nurses.

If the NHS does not have the staff, buildings, equipment, medicines, and the time needed to expand services, then that £100 billion would not deliver healthcare. It would simply bid up the price of the limited resources that already exist, and that is where inflation comes into all of this.

The key point is, inflation does not happen simply because money is created; inflation happens when spending exceeds the real resources available in the economy.

So the real constraint in the NHS is always the availability of doctors, nurses, clinics, and hospitals, medical equipment, medicines, and training capacity. If those resources exist, spending can mobilise them. If they do not exist, more money simply pushes up prices.

The constraint is always the real resources and their availability, and not the amount of cash that we have available to us.

That is why most debates about government spending often miss the point. People argue about where money comes from, but the real question isn't that; it's always, do we have the resources to use that spending productively?

If we do, spending, whether by the government or anybody else, including Elon Musk, could improve lives. If we don't, spending becomes inflationary.

So the real challenge for the NHS is not just funding. It is training, staff, building capacity and creating the resources that healthcare actually requires.

In that case, let me ask you, if someone really offered the NHS £100 billion tomorrow, would that fix the problem, or would the real issue still be the resources we have available?

Let me know in the comments what you think about this video, and please share this because we need to have this debate. The NHS needs more resources, and not just money.