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Dear Mr Findlay

Scottish Health Council Review

Thank you for your recent letter following our appearance at the Health & Sport Committee evidence session on 24 January 2017.

I am very grateful to you and the Committee Members for the considered input you have offered to our reflective review process. Your letter raises a number of important points, particularly in relation to the independence of the Scottish Health Council and its role with respect to patients and the public affected by service change.

I can assure you that the Committee's views will be considered along with the implications of your letter as the review is finalised.

We will be seeking to finalise the review over the next few weeks, and will keep the Committee informed of progress.

In the meantime, should you or any Committee Members have any queries relating to the Scottish Health Council or the review, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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