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Dear Ms Marra

Please find enclosed a letter from Professor Sir Lewis Ritchie and Caroline Lamb dated 14 February 2019, which provides the latest update from the NHS Tayside Assurance and Advisory Group.

I have now had an opportunity to discuss the AAG's conclusions with the Cabinet Secretary. In recognition of the continued progress made by NHS Tayside, under the leadership of John Brown and Malcolm Wright, as Chair and Chief Executive respectively, the Cabinet Secretary has concluded it is the right time to bring NHS Tayside into line with other Boards in a similar position and re-designate it as Stage 4 in the NHS Board Performance Escalation Framework.

NHS Tayside will continue to receive tailored support to help the new Chief Executive, Grant Archibald and his team to continue the vital work now well underway to return the Board to a sustainable financial position. I am confident that the work that has been done to develop our approach to escalation and our engagement with escalated boards now puts us in a strong position to provide the support, scrutiny and challenge that will be required in the coming months.

I would also like to express my thanks to Professor Sir Lewis Ritchie and Caroline Lamb for the work they have done to help support the Board over the last two years.

I am copying this letter, for information, to the Convenor of the Health and Sport Committee, the Auditor General and the Chair of NHS Tayside.

Yours sincerely

Paul Gray

