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Dear Karen

Thank you for your letter of 18 April in response to my letter on behalf of the Health and Sport Committee of 2 April. Having considered your reply carefully there are a few further areas upon which the Committee would welcome further information or elaboration.

IJB Overspend

It is noted a break-even position was achieved following an additional payment from NHS Borders. How much was that payment?

In relation to projected spend on shifting the balance of care can you indicate your projections for the next 2-3 years.

Thank you for the details about services and initiatives that we sought, could you also advise what benchmarking and cost analysis is being undertaken to assess the current situation, planned initiatives and to achieve better outcomes.

Set Aside

You mention the development of a performance framework to monitor and track the impact of initiatives, could you elaborate on the initiatives this is to be used upon.

Delayed Discharge

Our question in relation to cost comparisons between Borders and Edinburgh referred directly to the statement made in your evidence. You refer to different factors applying such as rurality and transport. Can you be clear here what it is you are suggesting is more

expensive as opposed to perhaps different levels of productivity. The Committee would find it helpful to have the detail to support and justify your suggestion that it is more expensive to supply these services than it is in Edinburgh (column 34).

Monitoring Primary Care

Rob McCulloch-Graham referred to the changes in GP contract freeing up time for GPs to “do real preventative health” (column 38). As I indicated in my earlier letter preventative health is of great interest to the Committee and they would welcome elaboration of this suggestion.

Thank you for the monitoring detail you supplied, could you elaborate on this and provide detail of involvement in setting areas upon which performance is monitored. The Committee is particularly interested in interactions about ways in which issues specific to your area are being taken forward, including but not exclusively difficulties with the drugs budget.

The Committee would welcome your response by 31 May.

Yours sincerely



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