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Dear Mr Findlay

Scottish Health Council Review - update

I am writing to update you on the process regarding the review of the Scottish Health Council.

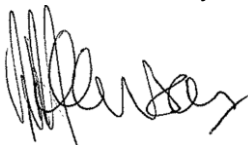
We are reaching the conclusion of the first phase of this exercise, which will entail the publication of a reflective 'case for change' report. This reflective report, by the Chair of the Scottish Health Council, will highlight the principal drivers for change, such as the integration of health and social care and the changing expectations of the role of the Scottish Health Council in this new landscape. It also reflects some of the key messages made by the Health and Sport Committee at its meeting on 24 January and in your subsequent letter of 9 February 2017.

However, at this stage, the reflective report will not seek to define what the nature of the change should be but instead seeks to provide the background and context for a much wider consultation exercise. In the next phase, the Healthcare Improvement Scotland will provide the leadership for this consultation exercise, supported by a consultation paper, over the summer. This consultation paper will be published alongside the reflective report. We would welcome further input from the Committee at that time, and will be in touch via your Clerk again in this regard.

We are fully committed to ensuring that there is a wide and meaningful consultation about the future contribution of the Scottish Health Council, and to maximise the opportunities for individuals and organisations to participate in shaping the future.

I hope this letter has been useful in providing an update on the process to date. Please do not hesitate to get in touch, should you have any comments or queries.

Yours sincerely,



Robbie Pearson
Chief Executive