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Dear Mr Findlay

Re: IT Cyber Attacks

Thank you for your letter of 19 May in regard to the above. As requested, I set out below responses to the four questions you asked within your letter.

1. As a partnership, West Dunbartonshire was unaffected by the cyber attacks.
2. As our operation spans activity in both the NHS and the Local Authority, we have already been very aware of the dangers of this type of activity. In that respect, I would not say that we have had a particular revision of our approach but rather this has served to reemphasise the need for constant vigilance. We continue to work with colleagues in our local health board and council to ensure that our operational systems (for which they are actually responsible) continue to be resilient and robust.
3. I think the reality is that we will always be faced with the possibility of such attacks but as highlighted above, we need to ensure that our systems continue to be resilient to cover such eventualities.
4. As stated above, it is the health board who has the liability to provide us with robust and secure IT systems and feel that they will more adequately be able to respond to this question.

Yours sincerely

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