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Dear Mr McDonald

At the health debate in Parliament on 2 May, I undertook that a review of progress by Integration Authorities would be taken forward with the Ministerial Strategic Group for Health and Community Care (the MSG), and that outputs from any further action arising from such a review would be shared with the Health and Sport Committee. I am writing to you now with Councillor Peter Johnston, who co-chairs the MSG with me, to provide you with an update before recess on relevant actions agreed by the MSG.

The MSG has considered the extensive range of review activity already underway to inform progress with integration, which includes:

- Ongoing work led by senior officials from the Scottish Government, COSLA and local partnerships to review progress on embedding integrated governance and leadership, including further work on effective local use of directions.
- Ongoing work taken forward jointly by the Scottish Government and local partnerships, with COSLA, Audit Scotland and CIPFA, to address any practical challenges in relation to managing integrated budgets effectively and to improve outcomes.
- Continuing dialogue with colleagues in the third and independent sectors on their engagement in service planning and design.
- Regular reports to the MSG on progress in terms of our Delivery Plan for Health and Social Care objectives, using Source data.

In addition, Audit Scotland are, as the Committee is aware, currently undertaking a review of integration, the second of a series of three that they have planned, which is scheduled for publication in November this year.

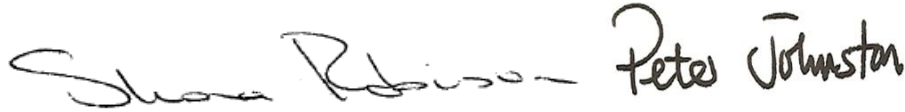
With this broad range of work already underway, at various stages of development, the MSG has agreed that, in order to oversee progress and provide shared leadership, Paul Gray, DG Health and Social Care and Chief Executive of NHS Scotland and Sally Loudon, Chief Executive of COSLA, will convene a small review leadership group to report on progress to

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the MSG. This group will also consider engaging some further external advice to support their considerations.

We hope that this update is helpful. We will provide further information as the work to review progress with integration proceeds.

Yours Sincerely



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