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Dear Tim

NHS Lanarkshire - Picture of Health – An Investment Framework for Improving Health Services in Lanarkshire - Initial Agreement

Following consideration and approval of the above Initial Agreement (IA) by the Capital Investment Group (CIG) using expedited procedures, I am pleased to inform you that I have accepted CIG's recommendation and now invite you to proceed to Outline Business Case (OBC).

As stated in the Executive Summary of the Initial Agreement the purpose of the document is to summarise NHS Lanarkshire's planned developments for acute, community and primary care premises over the next eight years and to provide the strategic context for the individual business cases for implementing these developments. The document your Board has presented has fully achieved this objective and you will be pleased to learn that CIG members were extremely positive about the quality and coverage of the IA and your team are to be commended for their efforts.

I would also draw your attention to HDL(2005)19, *Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002; publication of PPP contracts and capital business cases*, which requires all business cases/addendums in excess of £5m to be placed within the Scottish Parliament Library (SPICe) within one month of receiving approval. Therefore, I would be grateful if you could forward a public version of the IA to Glenda Roy at the above address within one month of receiving this approval letter.

As always, CIG members will be happy to engage with your team during the development of the Outline Business Cases flowing from the Initial Agreement and are available to discuss any concerns or issues which may arise.

If you have any queries regarding the above please contact Mike Baxter on 0131-244-5041 or e-mail Mike.baxter@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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