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Dear *Rob and Amanda,*

INDEPENDENT REPORT FOR THE CLINICAL ADVICE REVIEW

You asked me to be the Independent Adviser to the Clinical Advice Review. I am now able to submit my final report which, as you know, was considered by the Clinical Advice Review Steering Group at its meeting on 12th December 2018.

At that meeting, the Steering Group also agreed the content of its own Final Report, subject to some minor drafting points and fact checking.

I was part of the discussion on 12th December 2018, and subsequently met with you both. I am happy to confirm that the Clinical Advice Review Final Report accepted the majority of my findings and recommendations. I am content that the final decision on some areas of my Independent Report are policy matters for you to decide in the light of resource availability and other considerations.

Thank you for asking me to undertake this important and interesting task.

I am indebted to the Secretariat of the Review for the support they gave me whilst respecting my independence and to all your staff for freely providing all the information that I required.

With kind regards,



Sir Liam Donaldson