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Dear Minister,

Scheme of Establishment – Community Health and Social Care Partnership

Further to our letter of 21 December 2006 and following the signing of a Joint Partnership Agreement, we enclose Western Isles' draft Scheme of Establishment. The Scheme has been developed in partnership with stakeholders. It has been approved by the NHS Board and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.

The Scheme outlines the arrangements to commission a Community Health and Social Care Partnership for the Western Isles in June 2007, subsequent to approval being granted. The model will evolve to meet local needs and thus will be subject to modification and change.

We enclose a draft of the Development Plan for the Community Health and Social Care Partnership, wherein the various structures will be created; the Health functions delegated from June 2007 and Social Care functions delegated from January 2008. The issues identified in the plan are derived from the Scheme of Establishment as agreed with stakeholders and are aligned with the draft Health Board Development Plan 2006/07. They include the establishment of mechanisms to enable on-going consideration of further development of the Community Health and Social Care Partnership, especially pertaining to Community Planning, Public Health and Acute services.

We look forward to seeing the Community Health and Social Care Partnership established in the Western Isles and trust the Scheme of Establishment meets your requirements. Should you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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