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Dear David

I am writing to inform and update you on the work to review the Continuing NHS Healthcare (CHC) Framework.

Since its introduction in 2010, the Framework has provided a number of benefits including greater governance on CHC within Local Health Boards, improved consistency regarding assessment and eligibility decisions and stronger arrangements for reviewing assessments. However, I also recognise the need for a further review of these arrangements. This was reflected in the recent report by the Auditor General for Wales, although the report made clear that a complete rewrite of the Framework is not necessary. I agree with this view.

Considerable work has been undertaken, involving a number of themed Task and Finish groups, with experts drawn from across the health and social care sector, as well as staff from the Auditor General's office, to look at how we can ensure future arrangements remain fit for purpose. These views have contributed to a draft revision of specific aspects of the Framework and it has been issued for consultation today, for a period of 12 weeks. The intention is for the final version of the revised Framework to be published in the Summer.

I am copying my letter to the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, Chair of the Petitions Committee, Andrew R T Davies, Kirsty Williams and Leanne Wood.

Best wishes

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