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Sallie Bacon Director of Public Health

**Dear Sallie** 

## Re: Joint arrangements for public health

I am pleased to see how well the interim partnership arrangements for public health between Hampshire County Council and the Isle of Wight Council have gone over the last 18 months. I recognise that this has strengthened specialist public health leadership on the island and supports efficient working with partners across the HIOW STP. I am very supportive of the Councils entering into a formal arrangement to continue this model for a longer period. If this is agreed by the Councils, I look forward to receiving the job description for the Director of Public Health for review and will participate in the recruitment process on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely

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