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Dear Colleague

PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW

I am writing to let you know about the establishment of a review of public health in Scotland. The integration of health and social care will provide a number of specific opportunities for us to strengthen public health services in Scotland, with much greater possibilities for joined-up working and preventative, person-centred care.

Public health, with its strong focus on prevention, equity and quality, is paramount to our health service. Effective public health requires an extensive reach within and beyond wider healthcare to improve and protect the health and wellbeing of people in Scotland and reduce health inequalities. We must ensure that public health services in Scotland continue to work well, taking advantage of the changing landscape.

Ministers have asked for a Public Health Review and we have established a group of experts to undertake the review covering improving health services, health protection and health improvement. It will identify future priorities and challenges, and will seek to make recommendations for how best public health can respond. The Review Group has been asked to report back to Ministers in 2015.

This Review is timely given challenges in each of the domains of public health and the increased focus that Scottish Government want to see on inequalities.

Yours sincerely

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