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Dear David and Simon,

Re: Future Fit DMBC

Thank you for your preparation and attendance at the NHSE Future Fit Assurance meeting on 22nd January 2019, which we had scheduled as a follow up from the stocktake meeting on 20th December 2018.

We are satisfied that you have made sufficient progress in addressing the areas previously identified, and on that basis we have concluded the formal NHSE assurance process. This now enables you to submit the DMBC to the joint committee meeting scheduled for 29th January 2019 for it to be considered and a decision made.

We are assured that there have been no material changes to the assumptions in the PCBC and that the Future Fit team have engaged, consulted, involved and conscientiously considered the responses to the propositions to develop the DMBC.

We are assured that the governance around the decision making is robust and that you have worked to mitigate any potential risks.

There are matters which we have identified that we will track through the oversight and implementation arrangements. These are summarised in the table attached.

I would like to thank you and the Future Fit Team for all of your dedicated and tremendous hard work in getting to this point and we look forward to supporting you as this progresses.

Yours sincerely,



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