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Dear Kathleen

***COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT:
WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL***

You will recall I submitted the West Dunbartonshire Council health only Community Health Partnership (jointly with NHS Argyll and Clyde) – Scheme of Establishment for approval. That approval was given in Kevin Woods' letter to me of 13th July 2005 and, as you will know, we have moved to implement that Community Health Partnership over recent months.

With the imminent dissolution of NHS Argyll and Clyde, it is now necessary to amend the Scheme of Establishment to remove any reference to NHS Argyll and Clyde or the joint committee arrangement between NHS Greater Glasgow and NHS Argyll and Clyde. In addition, the original Scheme had NHS Argyll and Clyde's proposal that the acute services located in the Vale of Leven Hospital would be managed by the CHP. Under the arrangements from 1st April 2006 these services at the Vale of Leven Hospital would be managed as a directorate within the NHS Board's Acute Operating Division.

I attach an Addendum to the Scheme of Establishment for West Dumbartonshire Community Health Partnership and would be grateful if approval could be given to the changes set out in relation to the dissolution of NHS Argyll and Clyde, the knock-on effect on the membership of the CHP Committee and the deletion of any reference to the CHP managing the acute services located within the Vale of Leven.

I look forward to hearing from you at the earliest convenience.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

cc: Keith Redpath