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Thank you for your letter of 30 January on behalf of the Vale of Leven Monitoring Group seeking my approval for the formal dissolution of the Group. Your letter confirms that it is the unanimous conclusion of the Group that it has fulfilled its remit as established in 2009.

I would agree that the Group has fulfilled its important role in monitoring the implementation of the Vision for the Vale and that the time is now right to empower the Public Partnership Fora in both Argyll & Bute and West Dunbartonshire to take on the role of monitoring the use of mental health provision, the ongoing promotion of the Community Midwifery Unit and, indeed, all other aspects of service provision at the Vale of Leven Hospital. I note that the West Dunbartonshire PPF will continue to take a very keen interest in the new Alexandria Health & Care Centre as it moves into its construction phase in the coming months. As such, I am happy to agree to the Monitoring Group's request that it should be dissolved with immediate effect.

I would like to record my gratitude both to yourself and all the Members of the Monitoring Group, including the lay Members and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde representatives, for the considerable time, effort and energy expended on their important task over the last two years. I recognise that it has not always been easy, but all the Group Members are to be commended for their unwavering commitment to ensuring that local people benefit from the service developments offered by the Vision for the Vale. I would conclude by assuring local people of this Government's continuing commitment to ensuring the provision of the highest quality services from a strong and vibrant Vale of Leven Hospital.

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Copied to: all Members, Vale of Leven Monitoring Group

