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Dear Alan,

NHS Highland Board approval of Initial Agreements for Lochaber and Caithness

We are delighted to confirm that at our meeting on 30 November 2021 the NHS Highland Board formally ratified the Initial Agreement business cases for the Lochaber Redesign and the Redesign of Health and Care Services in Caithness, which were submitted to the Capital Investment Group for consideration on 20 October 2021. The Board noted the considerable work and community engagement that has taken place to develop the projects to this stage and affirmed their absolute commitment and support to deliver the transformational change outlined in the two documents.

Furthermore, on behalf of the Board we acknowledge receipt of the NHSScotland Design Assessment Process reports for Lochaber and Caithness on 16th and 24th November 2021 respectively, and the supported (unverified) status provided therein. We confirm our intention to implement the essential and advisory recommendations set out in the reports and will take account of the potential to deliver good practice as these projects develop. We welcome the opportunity to pilot the new Sustainability Design and Construction (SDaC) Guide: SHTN 02-01.

We commend these service change proposals to the Capital Investment Group and look forward to the opportunity to continue to work with the communities of Lochaber and Caithness to develop our proposals to Outline Business Case.

Kind regards,

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