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Dear Ms Marra

As you know Grant Thornton UK LLP were asked to carry out an independent review of eHealth funding transfers between Scottish Government eHealth, NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) and NHS Tayside. The report was sent to me in draft on Monday 19 March and Scottish Government, NSS and NHS Tayside were given the opportunity to review for factual accuracy, and to provide an initial response on follow up actions. I have now received the final report and the responses to it. I have attached all of these to this letter.

The report sets out a number of findings and conclusions, which I accept in full. I have initiated immediate steps to ensure that such a situation could not recur. In particular, the financial governance of national eHealth funds will now reside solely within Scottish Government, and additional internal control measures have also been put in place to validate requests for funding transfers between NHS Boards. The Scottish Government's Director of Internal Audit will review these additional measures and report back to me on the level of assurance provided.

I will be happy to provide further detail at the evidence session on Thursday 29 March.

Yours sincerely

Paul Gray