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Dear Ms Hall Hall,

Thank you for your correspondence setting out your views on the Board governance arrangements for the NHS Bath and North East Somerset and NHS Wiltshire Cluster. Your views are very helpful.

We are disappointed that both organisations could not reach a joint view on the best way to meet the governance arrangements set out by the Department of Health.

Given the majority of Primary Care Trust clusters now have the right arrangements in place, it is vital we meet with both organisations to agree a way forward on how they will meet national NHS policy.

Once we have met with the organisations, we will ensure that you are kept up to date with progress.

Once again, thank you for sharing your views.

Yours sincerely



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