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Dear Professor Wells,

I am sorry I have taken so long to reply to your letter of 20 December last which has only just come through to me.

I hope now that you know about the plans we have for procuring a systematic review of all the evidence about the impact of information and communication technology on health and healthcare. This work is being done by Professor Richard Lilford who also manages research for Professor Sally Davies, to whom I will copy this letter.

I attach to this letter a copy of the plan for my Directorate which is only part of the Service Implementation Directorate, which in turn is only part of Connecting for

Health, but it is the one that focuses most on the NHS and probably has most overlap with your interest.

A workshop has been organised with Professor Sally Davies to look at the implications of the investment in communication technology on the research capacity and if this would be of interest I will make sure you are involved.

Again my apologies for taking so long to make contact with you. I am very keen to help if I can.

Yours sincerely,

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