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Dear Prof Healy

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 21 August addressed to the Cabinet Secretary for Health

I recognise some of the structural constraints that you describe – these are not easily corrected, appearing as they do in all advanced healthcare systems. My suggestion would be for you to continue to engage with others who share similar views; collective analysis and advocacy are more likely to change systems than individual efforts.

I note that you have also copied the letter to your Chief Executive and Medical Director and I will look forward to seeing their response to the service-orientated issues that you have raised.

Yours sincerely

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