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## Dear Sandra,

Firstly, I hope that this finds you well. I write to you in my capacity as Chair of the Health & Transport Action Plan (HTAP) Steering Group. The Steering Group includes NHS Grampian, Nestrans, Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, Moray Council, Scottish Ambulance Service, TSI representation, Health & Social Care Partnership representation and a Public Representative.

The HTAP purpose is to exert influence strategically and at a local level within and between partners across the themes of "Transport & Public Health" and "Access to Health & Social Care."

The vision for transport and public health is:

- For people in Grampian to choose to travel by active modes such as walking and cycling whenever appropriate and to have the ability to do so conveniently and safely, in order to improve activity levels and public health;
- For everyone in the region to live without unacceptable risk to their health caused by the transport network or its use.

The vision for access to health and social care is:

- For everyone in the region to be able to access the health and social care they
  need and if transport is required for this to be appropriate, convenient and
  affordable:
- For the environmental impacts of journeys to be minimised.

For the past three years the HTAP Annual Report has been submitted to each Community Planning Partnership Board and a new Annual Report for the financial year 2018-2019 will soon be produced.

As a Steering Group we believe the Health & Transport Action Plan is of strategic importance given the many overlapping interdependent ways the health and transport issues often converge.

With that in mind I also feel that this work is of significance to your partnership and the Integrated Joint Board, and consequently would welcome your thoughts on the HTAP Annual Report being reported to the IJB.

I'd be very happy to discuss HTAP with you in more detail and hope that you can assist in our efforts to encourage cross-boundary and cross-agency working on the two important themes encompassed by our partnership.

Yours sincerely

Gerry Donald

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