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To:

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Chief Executive, NHS Borders

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Chief Executive, Scottish Borders Council

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Susan Manion

Chief Officer, Scottish Borders Integration Joint Board

21 December 2015

Dear Colleagues

Approval of integration scheme under section 7(2)(a) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 ('the Act')

I write to provide notification that the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport has approved your Integration Scheme and the responsibilities of the Chief Officer in terms of section 10(7) of the Act, as set out in your Scheme.

The Order to establish the Integration Joint Board will be laid in the Scottish Parliament on Friday 8 January and will lie in Parliament for 28 days before coming into force on Saturday 6 February 2016. From Saturday 6 February 2016 the Integration Joint Board for the area of Scottish Borders Council will be legally established.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for working with us to reach this milestone, and I look forward to continuing to work with you over the coming months.

Yours faithfully

Frances Conlan

Policy and Strategy Team Leader