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Scottish Parliament

<by email>

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Dear Ms Marra

THE 2016/17 AUDIT OF NHS TAYSIDE

Thank you for your letter of 2 May regarding the Committee's scrutiny of this audit. You asked if I could indicate the intended timescale for our inquiry into Tayside NHS Board Endowment Funds and the date by which it will be completed.

As you know, we opened our inquiry on 4 April and we are pursuing our inquiries as a top priority. We are currently engaging with the current charity trustees, who are fully cooperating in providing the evidence we are collecting to inform our investigation. At the current stage of the inquiry it is not possible for us to set a particular timescale, as we need to avoid any sense that we are prejudging the issues or precluding ourselves from considering and taking actions that would require a longer timescale. However, we would expect to be in a position by 31 May to report to the Committee on the inquiry's progress and its future direction. We also hope to be in a position by then to report on our risk-assessment of the other NHS endowment funds.

I hope this information is helpful to you and your colleagues.

Yours sincerely



David Robb
Chief Executive

