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Dear Malcolm

Thank you for your recent letter that has been passed on to me to reply on behalf of the Patient and Public Engagement Team.

We note that the steering group has been set up to represent the voice of patient forum members across the country. As you will know the healthcare Commission has developed a good relationship with patient forums, inviting them to submit commentary for our annual check process in 2005/6 and 2006/7. We have recently confirmed with CPPIH that we are inviting them to do the same for the current year, so expect that relationship to continue for as long as they are in place. We are happy to copy you into any communications that we have with the patient forums, during that time.

You may also be aware that we have a national forum member reference group that is overseen by myself and Stan Bown from CPPIH. We have agreed that the steering group will be an agenda item for information and discussion at the next meeting, to be held at the end of this month.

Thank you again for making contact with us. I am happy to be the Commission's contact person for the steering group.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "José King".

José King (Ms)
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