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Dear Colleague,

**Transfer of Prisoner Health Care**

From 1 November 2011, the responsibility for providing prisoner health care transfers to the NHS. This transition should help to improve the provision of throughcare to the prisoner population and lead to a more “joined up” approach to this issue in our prisons.

The staff providing health care currently will transfer to NHS from 1 November, and I would like to thank them for their continued hard-work, commitment and dedication and I look forward to continuing to work with the same people in the future.

A closer relationship with the NHS will bring increased benefits in the future.

Health care is a vital part of prison work, as we believe the changes being made will further enhance the overall management of prisoners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Ewing', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

**JOHN EWING**  
Chief Executive