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Dear Dr Barton

Electronic Interworking between Haslar and General Practice

I refer to my letter of 19 November 1998, a copy of which I attach for ease of reference.

I wonder if you are in a position to be able to respond positively on behalf of your PCG? Haslar are very keen to start electronic inter-working with GPs and I know a few Practices in your area are keen too.

I feel it is worth examining what Haslar could offer your PCG and I am happy to discuss this further with you or your nominees if this will help. I am equally happy to attend a PCG meeting to discuss IM&T issues in general and Haslar's offer in particular too.

Please let me know how you want to take this forward.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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Encl. Copy letter of 19 November

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19 November 1998

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Dear Dr Barton

Electronic Interworking between Haslar and General Practice

The Royal Haslar Hospital has confirmed to me its desire quickly to begin some electronic interworking with local General Practice.

I am keen to support them in this. Early discussion has identified their wish to work on either electronic referrals or pathology results. I favour the latter as being an NHS Strategy target supported by existing technical and clinical standards, therefore more likely to succeed and bring patient benefits.

Haslar agreed with my suggestion that we approach the Gosport PCG to identify a couple of Practices who will take part in pilot development with them. This would be with a view to making some early progress and learning lessons useful for others to use.

I would very much like the opportunity to discuss this with the PCG, or its representatives. A certain amount of project documentation will be needed and I am happy to aid the PCG with technical and administrative support. Additionally, the HA can help with funding.

I would welcome your views on this idea. If you feel it is worth pursuing please contact me so that we can make arrangements for a discussion and agreement on the way forward.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

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