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Dear Dr Collins

Thank you for your letter of 2 June about the new tobacco control plan.

I was interested to read of the work of the London Clinical Senate, and I appreciate your concerns about the development of the new tobacco control plan.

I was very grateful for the valuable input of Dr Noel Baxter and Dr Louise Restrict at the local delivery roundtable held on 23 February to inform the new tobacco control plan. They communicated many of the important points you highlight in your letter.

A key message emerging from this roundtable was that smoking interventions could be further embedded across the health and care system to reach the large number of smokers who use NHS services on a daily basis. This point was also raised at several other stakeholder events, including a roundtable held with mental health professionals.

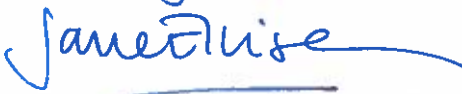
I know that Departmental officials also had the opportunity to hear, first hand, the progress and advice set out by the London Clinical Senate at your conference on 17 March. This work has been used to develop and inform the new tobacco control plan and work is underway to explore how we can support more health professionals across the system to encourage smokers to quit smoking.

Ministers, along with Simon Stevens and Professor Dame Sally Davies, are considering a range of options about how to best develop this agenda across the NHS, to 'make every contact count', deliver against the recommendations of the NHS *Five*

Year Forward View and take action against the largest cause of preventable death in this country.

I continue to welcome the London Clinical Senate's expertise on this important issue and look forward to discussing the new tobacco control plan with you at a later date.

I hope this reply is helpful.

With kind regards


JANE ELLISON