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Dear Mr McConnell

Thank you for your letter dated 29 January 2009 where you refer to the issues raised at the last meeting of the Community Reference Group (CRG). I apologise for the delay in responding.

I note with interest your observations and suggestions relating to the role of the CRG beyond the prison and your suggestions, in line with my comments at the last meeting, that the Committee structure may need to change to accommodate the 'Through Care' concept.

With the announcement on Monday of the acceptance of the first tranche of prisoners into AMC, I believe that we now have an opportunity to effectively revisit the CRG's role and composition. To that end, and with your constructive comments in mind, I have asked my department to commence a review of the role and function of the CRG. This, will be done with a view to delivering a consultative group that looks constructively beyond the parameter of the AMC, therefore more accurately reflecting the concepts of 'Through Care'.

My department will be in touch soon, as part of a wider consultation process, to discuss these issues in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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