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Dear Colleagues,

### **The Northern Alliance – Introductory Meeting**

Following the Deputy First Minister's letter of 1 November, I am writing to confirm the arrangements for our next steps in working together to implement the agreement on Regional Improvement Collaboratives in your area.

An introductory video conference meeting with you has been agreed for 19 January.

Our aim for this meeting is to continue our discussion on: what the agreement on the establishment of Regional Improvement Collaboratives means for your area; what actions, engagement and support will be needed to operationalise that agreement over the coming weeks; and to explore with you how we can continue to work together going forward.

I have attached a suggested outline agenda for this meeting and a copy of the Joint Steering Group Report on Regional Improvement Collaboratives. If you require any further information on the meeting arrangements, please contact [redacted] on [redacted] or at [redacted]

I look forward to working together to deliver educational improvement.

Yours sincerely

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**FIONA ROBERTSON**  
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**The Northern Alliance**  
**SG/ES Meeting with Regional Improvement Lead**

**19 January 1500-1700**  
**By Video Conference**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Collaborative/Alliance Functions
3. RIC Establishment and Development – Initial Priorities
4. Education Scotland Support to the Collaborative/Alliance
5. Regional Improvement Planning
6. Resourcing and Support
7. Ongoing Review and Engagement
8. AOB