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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 05 April 2018 22:46
To: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport
Subject: RE: Correspondence from Shona Robison MSP

Dear [Redacted]

Please thank the Cabinet Secretary for her letter. I will send a formal note of my intentions tomorrow morning.

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Sent: 05 April 2018 19:36
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Cc: CabSecHS@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: Correspondence from Shona Robison MSP

Good Evening,

Pls find attached a letter from Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health & Sport.

Kind Regards,
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Professor John Connell
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5 April 2018

Dear John,

As you are aware, I have decided to move NHS Tayside to Stage 5 on the Ladder of Escalation. I am very sorry to have to take this step but the persistent difficulty in achieving a return to sustainable financial balance, and a constant drip feed of emerging issues has led me to conclude that refreshed leadership is required to take NHS Tayside forward. I want to acknowledge your personal probity and commitment, which have been exemplary in very challenging times, and I therefore wish to give you the opportunity to consider your position before we discuss the matter.

SHONA ROBISON

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport
Sent: 06 April 2018 11:18
To: [REDACTED] Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport
Cc: [REDACTED] DG Health & Social Care
Subject: RE: Letter from Professor John Connell

Good Morning,

I can confirm receipt of Professor Connell's correspondence.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 April 2018 10:31
To: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport
Cc: [REDACTED] DG Health & Social Care
Subject: Letter from Professor John Connell
Importance: High

Good Morning

Please find attached a letter from Professor John Connell.

Kind regards

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Dear Cabinet Secretary

Thank you for your letter of last night informing me that you were escalating the level of intervention in the management of NHS Tayside. In that letter you suggested that I consider my position before we would have the opportunity to discuss the matter. I note that you have now publicly called for my resignation.

While I would have preferred to have a personal discussion with you in advance, I am using this opportunity, now, to tender my resignation as Chair of Tayside NHS Board with immediate effect. It has been an absolute privilege to provide leadership to NHS Tayside over the last 30 months; I am acutely aware of the outstanding efforts of all staff to deliver safe and effective healthcare to the population of the region. I have always maintained a focus on safe patient care and ensuring staff are supported to deliver that at all times and am very pleased that this has not been compromised during a difficult financial period.

I have set in motion arrangements for an externally-led review into the financial governance concerns that were the subject of intense media coverage in the last week; these arose, as you know, in the years prior to my appointment as Chair. I trust that this review will continue.

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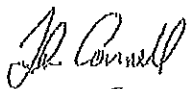
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6 April 2018

In your letter you noted my personal probity and commitment, and I appreciate this acknowledgement. I believe that NHS Tayside is set on the correct course to transform its services and maintain safe health care for Tayside. I know that my successor will have the support of a superb group of healthcare professionals in taking this forward.

Yours sincerely



John Connell FMedSci FRSE
Chairman
Tayside NHS Board

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 April 2018 15:20
To: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** FAO Prof. John Connell - Correspondence from Shona Robison MSP

Good Afternoon

I can confirm that Professor Connell has had sight of the letter from Ms Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health & Sport dated 7 April 2018

Kind regards

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Subject: FAO Prof. John Connell - Correspondence from Shona Robison MSP

Good afternoon,

Grateful if you can bring the attached letter from Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health & Sport, to Professor Connell's attention please.

Kind Regards,

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Professor John Connell

7 April 2018

Dear John

Thank you for your letter of 6 April, informing me of your decision to resign as Chair of NHS Tayside. I apologise for the nature of your departure. It is definitely not the manner in which I would have wanted it to take place.

Although I would expect no less, I appreciate the professional courtesy and dignity with which you have responded to the fast moving events of the past few days. I am genuinely sorry about the way in which this unfolded – in normal circumstances I would have expected you to be able to continue to fulfil your role with your customary diligence and dedication, and it gives me no pleasure to accept your resignation.

I do want to emphasise that you leave without any doubt in my mind about your personal probity and commitment. You have given over 40 years of unblemished service, to the great benefit of patients and academia, and the wider public realm.

I look forward to speaking to you on Monday. I would like to invite you to meet me, if you wish to do so, and I very much hope that it will be possible for the NHS and the wider public sector to draw on your skills and insights in the future.

Kind regards,

SHONA ROBISON