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Dear Tom

Consultant Contract in Wales

Further to your letter dated 7 June 2013, I am writing to confirm the position in respect of joint job planning training for managers and consultants.

The original joint job planning 'tour' with the BMA was part of centrally agreed implementation arrangements to bring in a new process in 2003. Since then, job planning training has continued to be carried out locally as is appropriate. Matters of general concern have been identified and discussed at both the All Wales Workforce OD and Medical Directors meetings. The implementation of the Consultant Contract is also discussed at an all Wales level as part of the Working Differently Working Together Programme board.

It is therefore true to say that joint training is not taking place at an All Wales level. However, I am advised that NHS bodies would welcome BMA's involvement in further job planning training to highlight the messages from the WAO report at local level.

Finally, Welsh Government has formally commissioned the NHS Task and Finish Group to refresh All Wales training material. BMA Wales will support this work.

I trust the above clarifies the position in respect of job planning training.

Yours sincerely

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