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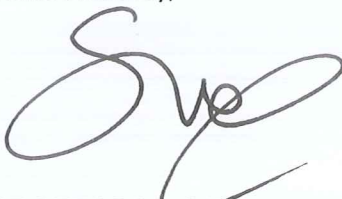
Thank you for your warm welcome when we met last week and for the support that you have given to healthcare scientists within the Trust. I was delighted that such high-level executive support was given to the day and would like to convey my particular thanks and appreciation to Elaine Strachan Hall and Professor Berne Ferry. I will certainly be using the Trust as an exemplar of what can be done in providing scientific leadership, ensuring engagement of a diverse professional group and demonstrating the value added in terms of service quality, cost improvement and outcomes for patients.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and really demonstrated the excellent and valuable work different scientists in the Trust were doing to contribute not only to service improvement and innovation, but also to international research and national standard setting. It prompted me to consider again how we could better showcase this vital contribution.

I had a fascinating visit to the radiotherapy unit at The Churchill Hospital, which was coordinated by Dr Claire Blessing. I was so impressed with the way in which the unit had been designed, the operating model and the truly multiprofessional way of working. The radiotherapy delivery approach is cutting edge and innovative, with a clear focus on the patient, adoption of new and new emerging technologies and ways of maximising dose to the affected site whilst minimising exposure to other tissues and structures. The day after my visit, I spoke with Mike Richards and took the opportunity to update him on the tremendous work of the unit!

I look forward to returning in the near future and to working with your Trust closely.

Yours sincerely,



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