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Mr Clive Gowdy
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Dear Mr Gowdy

**Re request for Department Direction: Root Cause Analysis
Steering Group**

I write as the Chair of the above Steering Group to confirm that it is my understanding from our telephone conversation this morning that the department direction is that the work of the group is in to continue as planned unless we are advised otherwise.

I trust you appreciate the group's need for departmental direction and our intention to cooperate fully with the same.

Yours truly,

Jenny Irvine
Chair and Non-Executive Director

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