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Dear Paul

As your senior DH sponsor, I am writing to confirm the Department's support for the NTA's work programme for the transition year of 2011/12. This follows Alastair MacLellan's letter to Stephen Hodges of 31 March 2011 giving details of the NTA's initial grant in aid/revenue funding for 2011/12.

As you know, my staff have been discussing with you the set of actions to complement the funding you have been allocated to constitute your Business Plan for the year. These proposed actions were approved on behalf of Government by the Inter Ministerial Group on Drugs (then chaired by James Brokenshire, the Minister for Crime Prevention), and I am pleased to set them out in the attached document. I should be grateful if you would ensure that this document is made publicly available, via your website, as soon as possible.

The programme of work will be monitored using the established mechanisms of accountability.

Yours sincerely,



David R Harper