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Dear Mutale,

Thank you for meeting me on the 7 December, which was an opportunity to welcome you in your new role as chair of the Board of Community Health Councils (CHCs) in Wales.

During the meeting you set out some of the issues facing the CHC movement, together with your ideas about how we can ensure the patient's voice is truly represented. You set out your vision and priorities for the coming months and for the longer term and talked about some of the cultural changes required to deliver these. We also discussed the challenges you face in making some of the changes you propose. We both agreed on the need to set standards on key areas of CHC activity to ensure consistency and reduce variability. I also set out some of my expectations for the role of chair.

I wish you well in the role and look forward to attending the board's meeting in January, which I see as an opportunity to endorse the role of the chair as well as that of the national board.

Best wishes,

Mark

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