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Dear Jan

Thank you for inviting Roger Boyle and me to open the new Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratories on the 24 June.

As a cardiac surgeon, I was extremely impressed by the new facilities that offer enhanced and safer cardiological services to your patients.

In a similar vein, I was impressed with the way you have configured your emergency services both in terms of consultant support and architectural design. I think this is now a gold plated service. I have conveyed my thoughts to Mr Nicholson and I am glad to note that he is coming to visit you in November.

I realise that the journey has not been easy, but there is now growing evidence and a clear consensus among your clinicians that reconfiguring services was the right thing to do, because the new services offer higher quality care across a range of activities.

I wish you all the best for the future.

Yours Sincerely,



Professor Sir Bruce Keogh  
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