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GRO-A

Thank you for your message. I know Martin has replied and my response is much the same, that I am grateful for your offer of help and would be happy to meet you and discuss things.

The main thing I want to say at this stage is that the political process has to be handled carefully, since there is no point starting off appearing to bounce politicians or officials into things. We have a powerful case and I want to start by helping them understand the case and working out with them how they can best meet our requirements. We can play harder later on if they do not take the message, but at the moment I am sure it is right to start with careful persuasion.

So, please, I think we must be patient and not get devolved assemblies or the press fired up until we have had time to start the presentation and persuasion case quietly.

This is not just the view of a political amateur like me, but is the careful advice of one of the trustees of both Trusts who was himself a senior DoH official and knows how the process works.

Best regards

Peter