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Dear Colleague

I am delighted to share copies of 1) *Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Consultation on the funding and commissioning routes for public health* and 2) *Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Transparency in Outcomes, Proposals for a Public Health Outcomes Framework*. These documents follow the Public Health White Paper, *Healthy Lives, Healthy People* which was published on 30 November 2010.

We are consulting on these documents between now and 31 March 2011, and we hope you will act as champions in taking forward discussions on the detail of both documents. We will be making available some core slides to support this.

These documents will be published in a dedicated section of the Department of Health website: <http://www.dh.gov.uk/healthypeople>

The formal address for consultation responses is [Publichealthengland@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Publichealthengland@dh.gsi.gov.uk). The consultation can also be responded to online at <http://consultations.dh.gov.uk/healthy-people/funding-and-commissioning>

***Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Consultation on the funding and commissioning routes for public health***

This consultation describes the kind of public health activity that we propose should be funded from the ring-fenced public health budget, and suggests who should be responsible for commissioning those activities. It also describes how the funding will work, and asks questions about how we will incentivise improvements in outcomes.

***Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Transparency in Outcomes, Proposals for a Public Health Outcomes Framework***

This consultation reflects the collective responsibility of communities, local authorities and their partners and the role of Government in improving and protecting health. The approach proposed will be different to old style top down frameworks used to drive targets and performance management by shifting the focus to public health outcomes. This consultation is published alongside the final NHS Outcomes

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Framework demonstrating the important interdependencies between the two frameworks in improving health outcomes.

I look forward to continuing the very constructive conversations we have been having on the setting up of the new public health system and I know officials in the Public Health Development Unit would greatly welcome your ongoing engagement and support as we work through the details and move towards implementation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Sally C Davies'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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