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Afton House
Ailsa Hospital
Dalmellington Road
Ayr KA6 6AB

Mrs R Holmes
Chairperson
Fairlie Community Council

Date 3 July 2017
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Dear Mrs Holmes

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding your concerns in relation to the national offshore wind turbine testing facility at Hunterston. I am sorry that this continues to cause you and other members of the local community such distress and I wish to reassure you that our aim has always been to ensure the health of our communities are protected and that wellbeing is promoted.

I acknowledge that the recent planning meeting was difficult and there was clearly a great deal of concern and distress among those who attended.

As it has become apparent that the local community continue to have some serious health concerns in relation to the ongoing wind turbine project, and that the public confidence in our contribution has been adversely affected, we have sought further advice from Health Protection Scotland (HPS).

HPS has kindly agreed to review the additional evidence provided by yourselves and other members of the community.

We will not be in a position to provide a definitive response to your letter until we have feedback from HPS, but wanted to assure you that we are taking action and do consider the health of the local population to be our priority.

I will be happy to keep you updated on progress and will provide the results of the review when they become available. We will also ensure that Mr Burns, Chief Executive of NHS Ayrshire & Arran is updated on these issues.

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Should you require any assistance or further information in the interim period, please do not hesitate to contact our Complaints Team via Laura Harvey, Quality Improvement Lead telephone 01292 513610.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Interim Director of Public Health (Joint)