



Health Commission  
for Wiltshire & Bath

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Dear John

***Local purchasing of primary dental care***

Just a short note to follow up our discussion over lunch at the national seminar held on 9 October regarding local dental contracting.

I am beginning to work up a proposal for a pilot project within the county which would allow for the development of the processes of local contracting whilst still paying dentists under their current contract and, as a second phase, to prepare for local purchasing with one or two practices in the locality which could test out our initial ideas.

I would hope to have this proposal with you early in the new year. You did indicate that you would be happy to look upon such a project with a view to assessing its potential and the availability of project funds.

I look forward to coming back to you in due course.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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