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Dear Mr Bennett

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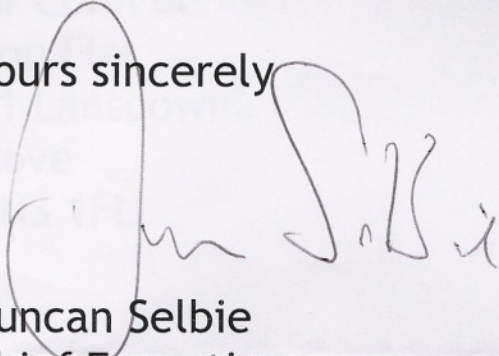
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I have made it clear that, alongside their individual managerial and professional responsibilities, members of the Executive Team are expected to play their full

part in developing the Trust's strategic direction, policies and procedures; and in appropriately reflecting its purpose, values and rules.

I am confident that this Trust's commitment to its core values is helping to underpin all aspects of our services.

Yours sincerely

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Duncan Selbie  
Chief Executive

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