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Dear Fran

Please find attached a letter from Maurice Bates, Interim Co-Chair.

Best wishes

on behalf of The College Of Social Work

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Dear Fran

I am writing following our Interim Board meeting on 13 December to propose that you and I meet as soon as practical as respective Chairs of our governing bodies.

The Interim Board remains committed to the principle of convergence with BASW, but we do need to discuss how to move forward in the light of the letter sent by your Chief Executive, Hilton Dawson, to the Secretaries of State for Education and for Health. The Interim Board believe that the first stage is a Chair to Chair meeting and as Corinne is about to go on holiday we have agreed that I will do this meeting on behalf of us both.

The Interim Board discussed the matter of our desire to converge with BASW in the light of that letter. We were dismayed by the tone and contents of that letter, which we refute, and we have provided relevant information to both Secretaries of State. Hilton Dawson's letter to the Secretaries of State suggests a misuse of public funds which we absolutely refute and are seeking legal advice about the most appropriate course of action to take about this unfounded allegation.

The Interim Board is determined to build a strong College, driven and led by its members. We want to ensure a confident profession, with an improved public profile, clear about its value and role. We would like to build a College with BASW if possible.

The Interim Board wants to work with trust and an open relationship with BASW and I would like to explore with you how best to construct a process that will facilitate building good working relationships. We believe that the process must be led by members of the Interim Board and the BASW Council, with support from officers working to our direction. We need to talk about which officers are most appropriate to ask to work on this from both organisations.

The Interim Board therefore remains committed to the principle of convergence with BASW. The two of us need to meet first to discuss how to move forward. If you are agreeable, I will ask to set up a meeting as soon as practical. I am happy to travel to you and as we both live in the North this is made easier.

Best wishes



Maurice Bates
Interim Co-Chair