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Dear Mr Sprinz

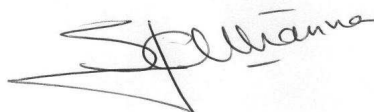
Thank you for your email dated 4th May.

I can confirm that my Contracts Team staff continues to liaise with the two orthodontic service providers regarding the current issues relating to the terms and conditions set out within the signed contracts, and the PCT remains optimistic that these will be satisfactorily resolved.

As you suggest in your email regarding collaborative working across the two PCTs, I can confirm that both PCT Contracting Teams are now working together to develop integrated approaches in a number of areas, including the commissioning approach taken relating to general dental and primary care orthodontic services.

Thank you again for your interest in this matter and I look forward to meeting with you and the LDC within the next couple of months to discuss all elements of general dental care and how the two PCTs and the LDC may be able to support each other in the future.

Yours sincerely



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