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The Rt Hon Peter Kyle MP  
Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

**Re: Strengthening Collaboration Between the Technology Sector and the NHS for Innovation and Fast Tech Adoption**

Dear Secretary of State,

We are writing to you as members of the Digital Health CNIO (Chief Nursing Information Officer) Advisory Panel. Our panel brings together leaders dedicated to championing the effective use of digital technologies and data across the NHS, and collectively we set priorities and shape future direction. Our priority area is innovation and entrepreneurship within the NHS - we strongly believe that fostering greater links between the tech sector and the NHS is critical to addressing the growing challenges in healthcare delivery.

First, we would like to extend our congratulations to you on your recent appointment as Secretary of State for Science, Innovation, and Technology. Your leadership in this vital role comes at a time of great opportunity for the UK to cement its position as a global leader in innovation.

As you are aware, the NHS is facing unprecedented demands that call for agile, scalable solutions. Technology has the potential to transform the way care is delivered, improving both efficiency and outcomes for patients. However, the pace of adoption has often been slower than the needs dictate. To

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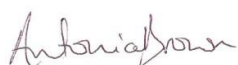
address this, we believe there is a pressing need for stronger collaboration between your department and the Department of Health and Social Care.

We urge you to consider engaging directly with your counterpart, the Secretary of State for Health, to explore new mechanisms that can accelerate the integration of technological innovations within the NHS. This could include initiatives to streamline regulatory pathways, providing targeted funding for HealthTech partnerships, developing better routes to procurement which allow for innovation, and fostering public-private collaborations that enable rapid scaling of successful innovations.

By working together, we have a unique opportunity to position the UK as a global leader in health technology while addressing the urgent demands of our healthcare system. We would welcome the chance to meet with you to discuss how the advisory panel, in partnership with your department, can support these efforts.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and we look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,



Antonia Brown and Stacey Hatton

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