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Dear Chris

Request for assessment of NHS England Cancer Waiting Times statistics

Thank you for your letter of 1 March requesting an assessment of NHS England's Cancer Waiting Times statistics.

We note the changes that you have made to these statistics in response to programme developments and user feedback. Given the high-profile nature of the statistics, I welcome your aspiration to publicly demonstrate your compliance with the Code of Practice for Statistics.

I agree with your suggestion that the assessment should commence no earlier than Autumn 2024 to allow time for the statistics to bed in. With this in mind, I am pleased to confirm that my team will be in touch with you shortly to confirm timing for this assessment.

Yours sincerely

Ed Humpherson

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