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Dear David,

### **Psoriasis – Clinical Guideline**

The remit for the 'Psoriasis' guideline that NICE was referred is as follows:

"To produce a clinical guideline on the diagnosis and management of psoriasis in young people and adults".

It became apparent from the meeting with external partner organisations on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010 that guidelines were not required on the diagnosis of psoriasis but on the 'evaluation of disease severity and its impact on people with psoriasis'. In light of stakeholder comments, we included the evaluation of disease severity in the draft scope at consultation and provided the rationale for excluding diagnosis. Stakeholders at consultation were content with this approach and with the focus on management and areas of diverse, uncertain or unsafe practice.

At consultation we also received a large number of comments from stakeholders and experts in the field supporting an extension of the remit to cover children as well as young people and adults. In order to produce a comprehensive guideline on the management of psoriasis we therefore believe it would be helpful to change the remit to cover all people with psoriasis. The amended remit would be:

"To produce a clinical guideline on the management of psoriasis".

Please contact Sarah Dunsdon on 0207 045 2141 if you have any queries. We would be very grateful for a speedy response.

Yours sincerely

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