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Dear Rob,

I'm writing to you and your colleagues to congratulate you on the successful implementation of Spine 2. Key services across the NHS are dependent on the SPINE, with more than 250,000 staff each day using the system's core functions, such as the personal demographic service, the Summary Care Record and e-Prescribing. Processing more than 200 million transactions every month, the SPINE is one of the most complex of such systems in the world.

The successful migration to SPINE 2, led by you and your team at the HSCIC, will not only deliver a better service to users across the NHS but also significant savings for the taxpayer. This implementation is therefore a great example of an effective partnership between the public sector and small innovative suppliers, including your key partners Basho Technologies and BSJJ.

Please pass on my thanks to all your team at the HSCIC and to your private sector partners.

Yes ever - huge congratulations!

JEREMY HUNT