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Ms Marsha Stejskal
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Dear Marsha

I refer to your emails of 21, 22 and 23 September 2009 (attached) seeking a response to your earlier correspondence of 6 July 2009.

I note that on 24 July 2009 Dr Chrissie Pickin, acting as Director of Public Health during my extended absence this year, has already replied to a similar request from you, and as you know she indicated that should you decide to proceed with approaching the Ombudsman we would be happy to co-operate with any investigation undertaken by the Ombudsman.

I also note that on 20 July 2009, Dr Pickin wrote to Kay Seltitzas to provide a very detailed response to a range of questions that had had been posed regarding the Project Team's investigation.

In my view, the Project Team has done its best to answer the questions and criticisms posed by yourself and other residents, and any further investigations are not warranted from a public health perspective and unlikely to be productive. I do not believe there is any basis for me to "quash" the findings of the Final Report nor to enter into any further correspondence regarding its contents. I fully support the work of the Project Team and of Dr Pickin in my absence and agree that the Ombudsman would be the most appropriate office for dealing with your concerns regarding the Project Team's Final Report.

Yours sincerely

Dr Roscoe Taylor
Director of Public Health

23 September 2009