

13th February 2013

Dear Minister,

Following the publication of Professor Andrew Coyle's report on the 5th inst, the AVC Executive Committee met this week to examine its findings and recommendations. The AVC welcomes Professor Coyle's report and in particular his recommendation supporting the principle that lay independent monitoring should continue, but within a new structure. The AVC looks forward to receiving your response which we understand will be published during the first week in March.

In light of this, we have arranged a Business meeting of the AVC on the 19th March 2013 to examine further both the report and your own response.

Last week, officers of the AVC met briefly with your official and we have already offered to assist in any way we can in laying the foundations of a new system of monitoring and implementing any recommendations you consider appropriate to endorse.

Your recent letter to all VC members advising them of the next step in the process, thanking them for their forbearance and continued commitment to their duty was much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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AVC Convener