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Sent on behalf of the British Society of Echocardiography, the British Heart Rhythm Society, the Society for Cardiological Science and Technology and the British Cardiovascular Society.

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Dear Professor Sir Bruce,

Cardiac Physiology Workforce Report

We are submitting this report in pursuance of our previous letter dated 4th May 2016 and in response to your reply dated 4th July 2016, which opened the door to working together in partnership with HEE England and thereby address the acknowledged shortage in the Cardiac Physiology workforce.

In order to facilitate discussions, the British Society of Echocardiography, the British Heart Rhythm Society, the Society for Cardiological Science and Technology and the British Cardiovascular Society have produced an options analysis (enclosed) which offers potential solutions to the shortage in the Cardiac Physiology workforce expected by 2018-9, particularly with the proposed 7 day working initiative.

Given the commitment of NHS England to commissioning services of the highest quality standards, it is recognised that the implementation of future service models is contingent upon having an appropriate workforce in the right numbers to deliver the changes required and of sufficient quality to improve outcomes for our patients. Each option has been fully costed by an independent Health Economist, supplied with current costings.

We look forward to hearing from you and would welcome the opportunity to discuss further with you.

Yours faithfully

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