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Dear Ms Martin

### **DENTAL CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

Thank you for the open letters you sent to the Ministry of Health, addressed to Dr Robin Whyman, Guan Lye Chua and myself, regarding the need for older people to have access to good dental care.

We appreciate your efforts in directing attention to this area of need, and assure you that it is an area we are looking at closely as part of our responsibility for identifying opportunities to deliver better oral health care for all New Zealanders. However, we cannot disclose much information at this stage due to constitutional conventions.

For your information, Dr Robin Whyman has ended his term of secondment from the Hutt Valley District Health Board as Chief Dental Officer for the Ministry of Health. His present contact details are:

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Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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