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Dear Sir Ian

I have pleasure in submitting, on behalf of the Royal Academy of Engineering Panel for Biomedical Engineering, a response to the call for evidence and ideas launched by the *NHS Chief Executive Innovation Review*.

A key purpose of the Panel, which is the Academy's only special interest group, is to advise government and the NHS on barriers and incentives affecting the field.

Although membership of the Panel covers the whole field of biomedical engineering, the timing and authorship of this submission have led to it being written from the perspective of medical technology (med tech), which we took to include both medical devices and information technology (IT).

I should be delighted to discuss any aspect of our submission with you or a member of your team.

Yours sincerely

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