Template letter to Integration Board

# <Insert CEO name and Integration Board here>

Dear **<insert CEO name>**,

Re: Urgent review required of **<insert Integration Board here>** approach to musculoskeletal conditions.

I am writing in relation to the Arthritis Research UK manifesto for Scotland *Prevent, Transform, Cure*,which I believe raises important questions about the way that we approach musculoskeletal conditions in **<insert local area>**.

Having conducted further research into this matter, it has become apparent that we do not fully explore the issue of musculoskeletal conditions in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for **<local area>**.

This is despite the fact that musculoskeletal conditions across the country represent the fourth largest cause of spending in the NHS and account for the greatest number of working days lost.

Old age, obesity and physical inactivity are all key risk factors in the development of musculoskeletal conditions, and these are areas in which your Integration Board can make a huge difference.

I would be extremely grateful if you would give an undertaking to conduct an investigation into the Integration Board’s approach in relation to musculoskeletal conditions. Arthritis Research UK would be happy to assist in this matter, and their public affairs manager, Owain Mumford, who can be reached on 0207 307 2282/ **o.mumford@arthritisresearchuk.org**, can provide supporting materials.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

Cc. **<insert name of CEO of local NHS Board>**