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Dear Tessa,

Thank you for your letter of 20 May enclosing an example of correspondence you have received from a number of your constituents about UK heart health.

Our document *The Coalition: our programme for government* commits this Government to creating a healthier nation, focusing on health outcomes that really matter. The Government believes that we need action to promote public health, and encourage behaviour change to help people live healthier lives. We need an ambitious strategy to prevent ill-health which harnesses innovative techniques to help people take responsibility for their own health.

I am grateful to your constituents for their comments, and we will take into account the concerns raised by members of the public as we seek to improve the quality of health services we provide. I am pleased to advise that Simon Burns, Minister of State for Health, is responsible for cardiac, stroke and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease services.

We will be working in the coming months to implement our commitment to improving public health and will make further announcements soon.

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