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Professor Derek Alderson  
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Dear Derek,

I hope you are well. I am writing on behalf of the CCSD Board to request your input with regard to the CCSD Schedule, the common standard of procedure codes and narratives that are used within the independent healthcare sector.

Requests for new codes, narrative changes and inactivation of codes come from insurers, hospital providers and clinicians. The CCSD Working Group is responsible for reviewing these requests and, in order to ensure that the code set accurately and fully reflects current practice, often seek the advice of clinicians from within their own organisations.

CCSD would like to improve the use of clinical expertise during the decision-making process, in particular by gaining the expertise of independent leaders in their field. This would involve consultants, from time to time, providing advice and guidance to the CCSD Working Group on coding requests within their particular area of expertise on a pecuniary basis.

I appreciate that supporting the private sector is not the core business of your organisation and that your time is very precious. I hope you understand that CCSD codes are the main information currency used between clinicians, provider organisations, and insurers to transact in procedure information terms as well as financial terms and the absence of your organisation's input would potentially be a detriment to the quality of the sector. We intend to report back to PHIN and Healthcode, as well as other governance organisations, which bodies were able to meaningfully help and which were not.

If you have colleagues or groups who would be able to help I would be delighted if they could have an initial chat with my colleague Bevin Manoy who can be contacted on **07548 712250**. Similarly, if you would like to contact me about anything at all, I can be reached on **07880 038 873**.

Many thanks in advance for your help and we look forward to hearing from you. Best wishes,

*Dr Ali Hasan*

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