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Trevor

I've been discussing the situation with Colum, and he has responded directly to Mike on this shortly. The letter which I was referring to earlier was in fact from Chris Stewart, rather than HOCS, but it was sent on Jenny's behalf. While it doesn't state who should be accounting officer, it does make clear that DfE is the department with primary policy responsibility, and that DfE and DoH are to do what is necessary facilitate all the actions needed to deliver the Executive's decision, including agreeing a governance mechanism.

I'm not sure how often the working group that Mike's reply refers to met, but presumably it did not complete its work given that the issue of accountability and governance is not agreed.

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