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Dear Jo,

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 August to Matt Hancock on behalf of Mr Nick Pahl, Chief Executive of the Society of Occupational Health and Medicine, about the proposed Centre for Work and Health.

I was pleased to read of the launch of the Society of Occupational Health and Medicine's (SOM's) and the Health and Safety Executive's report, *The Value of Occupational Health Research*. I would like to thank the SOM for its ongoing commitment to tackling the dual challenges of an ageing workforce and health-related job loss.

We are currently seeking views from stakeholders in our ongoing *Health is everyone's business* consultation, and I would encourage the SOM to contribute. The consultation can be found at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) by searching for the title.

As part of the consultation we, through the joint Department for Work and Pensions and Department of Health and Social Care Work and Health Unit, are leading on reforming the Occupational Health market. Policy proposals aimed at increasing research and innovation in this area will be considered.

I understand that the SOM has been discussing the consultation with the Work and Health Unit and there has been a helpful exchange of views.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours,  
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