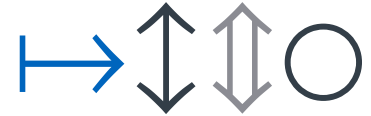


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Dear Professor Pollock,

Many thanks for coming to the meeting of the UK Chief Medical Officers on 26 September, which I was chairing. My colleagues and I were grateful to you for presenting your research on children playing school rugby, and answering our questions.

Having considered our discussion, and your piece in the *British Medical Journal* on 26 September, our position remains as in our letter to you of 29 July 2016. As a group we continue to support the position set out in my article in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine* in September 2015 - that it is important for schools and community groups to develop and implement strong concussion management policy.

The broad media attention that your piece in the *British Medical Journal* drew will, I am sure, highlight this important issue to schools and clubs.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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