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Dear Mr. Kinross

Manuscript ID BMJ.2017.039662 entitled "CYBER SECURITY AND HEALTHCARE: HOW SAFE ARE WE?"

Thank you for letting us consider your resubmitted manuscript, which was discussed by myself and Analysis editor Navjoyt Ladher. We appreciate how quickly you turned it around and think this new version is much improved and are pleased to make a provisional offer of publication if you are able to revise it to address the following points.

1. Can you please provide a standfirst with a proactive spin (the italicized text), outlining what action is needed (and, if applicable, who needs to do it).
2. Figure 1 needs a clearer, more concrete legend. It's currently a bit vague ("There is a need for a coordinated defence with built in resilience and clear responsibilities")
3. If you could also be a bit more concrete for the related section of text as well. (E.g. how do we get a coordinated response? Do we need an overarching body/strategy within the NHS or elsewhere to address this? Does it already exist?)
4. Please date the Wannacry ransomware attack and if possible, provide one brief sentence explaining what ransomware is
5. Please move the line "Healthcare data is usually stolen or ransomed for money" in the final paragraph of the section Cyber crime and healthcare earlier. The paragraphs would then make more sense with this signposting.

6. You look to other sectors in the UK for their cues on solutions. But are there no good practices from healthcare sectors in other countries? And where does this responsibility lie? The Data Security Centre branch of NHS Digital? Please be more directed in spelling out who needs to do what i.e. what is central, what is at the individual organisational level, and what is at the individual responsibility level?

7. We are unsure why you did not include the Introduction in the word count? Please have a look at Analyses we have published to see the general formatting, which don't usually contain an introduction section: <http://www.bmj.com/us/news/analysis> The goal would be to have your piece fit in 2000 words, so please try to reduce any redundancy.

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Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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