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Dear Convener,

I write to inform you of the outcome of a recent review of the statutory guidance for Scotland's Redress Scheme ("the Scheme").

A suite of statutory guidance was published and laid before Parliament when the Scheme was launched. The Scottish Government committed to review the guidance as the Scheme progressed and to update the guidance as appropriate. As the Scheme has now been open and operational for over two years, it was deemed an appropriate time to conduct this review.

Six pieces of guidance were identified as requiring updates in the first instance. Working collaboratively with Redress Scotland the review sought to improve readability, remove areas of ambiguity and address discrete operational matters. Feedback from survivors and stakeholders has also informed improvements to the guidance.

I have provided links to the updated guidance below

<http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781836011842> - Evidential Requirements and Determinations by Redress Scotland

<http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781836011828> - Pausing, Withdrawing and Making more than One Application

<http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781836011811> - Waiver, Contributions and Other Routes to Redress

<http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781836011804> – Applicants etc. with serious criminal convictions

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<http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781836011958> - Annual Reports by Redress Scheme Contributors

<http://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781836011798> - Assessment Framework

Section 106 of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 ("the Act") provides as soon as possible after issuing guidance, the Scottish Ministers must lay a copy of the guidance before the Scottish Parliament and make the guidance publicly available.

We have published the updated guidance this morning and laid it before parliament. We will also communicate the changes to the statutory guidance with stakeholders with an interest in the operation of the Scheme including survivors and their legal representatives.

I hope you find this update to be helpful,



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