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Dear Convenors,

I am writing to make you aware that we are publishing the National Mission Plan today (9th August 2022). The plan sets out the focus and drivers of the National Mission to reduce drugs deaths as it enters into its second year.

The first year of the National Mission was about building the foundations for change, while this year and in the following years, the focus of the Mission has turned to delivering on those foundations.

This document sets out our approach to achieve our aim – to reduce drug deaths and improve lives - through the articulation of six outcomes.

These outcomes, alongside six cross cutting priorities have been developed in collaboration with our stakeholders including representatives with lived experience and we thank them for this and look forward to working together to deliver on these outcomes. The outcomes describe both the complexity of the challenge we face and the opportunities that a whole systems, whole-Scotland approach will afford a National Mission.

The plan also sets out the governance structure around the mission, the delivery landscape and our plans for monitoring and evaluation.

The plan is available online at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-drugs-mission-plan-2022-2026/> and I have attached a version for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angela Constance', followed by a vertical line.

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