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Dear Convener,

National Clinical Lead for Palliative and End of Life Care

I am pleased to let you know that we have appointed [Dr Kirsty Boyd](#), Reader in Palliative Care at the University of Edinburgh, and former senior Consultant in Palliative Medicine in NHS Lothian, as our National Clinical Lead for Palliative and End of Life Care. Kirsty brings a breadth of clinical, teaching and research experience and expertise to this role.

We said that we would take stock of the leadership, partnerships and resources needed to develop and deliver a new Palliative and End of Life Care Strategy, so Kirsty will be supported by a small Clinical Leadership Team able to provide senior professional expertise and experience of acute hospital, community, and hospice palliative care for adults and children. As palliative care is delivered by generalist and specialist staff from many disciplines and across sectors for people at home, and in care homes, other community settings, hospitals and hospices, it is essential that the leadership structure reflects this broad approach.

We will be establishing a Palliative Care Advisory Steering Group to contribute to driving and supporting the development and delivery of a new strategy designed to improve palliative care for all in Scotland, as well as a wider Strategy Reference Group.

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I am also delighted that the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care (SPPC) will continue to bring their broad range of expertise and experience in advocacy, networking, communication, and organisational and public engagement to supporting our strategy process.

I hope this information is helpful to you and the Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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