

Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport  
Maree Todd MSP

Clare Haughey MSP  
Convener  
Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2023

Dear Clare,

**Extension to the publication of the final report for the Independent Review of Inspection, Scrutiny and Regulation of social care in Scotland (IRISR)**

The former Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care, Kevin Stewart MSP, wrote to you on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to inform you of the commencement of the Independent Review of Inspection, Scrutiny and Regulation (IRISR). The IRISR seeks to ensure scrutiny keeps up with an evolving landscape and the changing skills required of the workforce. The Review is focussed on a human rights and person-centred approach and seeks to examine how this approach is applied across linked services. The final report from IRISR was due to be published by the end of June 2023.

I am writing to inform you that I have agreed to a request from the IRISR Chair, Dame Sue Bruce, for a short extension to the publication date. IRISR has consulted extensively and drawn together a large amount of information and evidence over the course of its deliberations. As inspection, scrutiny and regulation is critical to improving the outcomes and experiences of those working in and using our services, a short extension will therefore enable the Chair and Vice Chair to give this information full consideration and for the final drafting to be completed

I will provide the Committee with a further update prior to the final publication date being agreed.

Yours sincerely,



Maree Todd MSP

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