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Dear Minister,

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill: Request for timeline comparison

Given the significant changes it is now proposing to bring forward to its plans for the creation and delivery of a National Care Service, I am given to understand that the Scottish Government will have also planned for a range of different scenarios for progressing legislation in this area.

With this in mind and to assist the Committee in concluding its Stage 1 scrutiny of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, I am writing to request a comparison of anticipated timelines for progressing passage of the legislation according to the following two scenarios:

- 1) Withdrawing the current Bill and preparing and introducing a new Bill reflecting the consensus agreement on shared legal accountability;
- 2) Bringing forward amendments to the Bill as introduced at Stage 2 that would reflect the consensus agreement on shared legal accountability.

To enable the Committee to continue to progress its Stage 1 scrutiny of the Bill in a timely manner, I would request that you provide this information to the Committee **no later than Wednesday, 10 January**.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee