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Ms Clare Haughey
Convener
Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

30 August 2023

Dear Ms Haughey

I am writing to you in connection with the Committee's interest in NHS dental services and the government's commitment to deliver reform. The Committee will wish to be aware of my letter of 27 July which confirmed to the sector that NHS dental reform will be implemented from 1 November 2023. A copy of this letter is available here – [Minister for Public Health and Women's Health \(scottishdental.org\)](#).

As the Committee will be aware, NHS dental services has been an area of parliamentary interest and, as a result, I wanted to ensure you were sighted on two Parliamentary Questions that have been answered in connection with delivery of dental reform:

- [S6W-17969](#) was answered on 30 May 2023. The response confirmed the 1 November date for implementation and that negotiations had been entered onto with BDA Scotland.
- [S6W-20311](#) was answered on 15 August 2023. The response confirmed the 7 February update on the new Determination 1 and indicated the direction of travel for dental reform. The response also outlined the further update from 27 July which included the revised item of service fees.

In addition, the Committee will also wish to be aware that an SSI, which will support the payment reform announced in July, is expected to be laid in Parliament on 6 September 2023.

I hope that this is a helpful update for the Committee's purposes.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jenni Minto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jenni Minto
Minister for Public Health and Women's Health

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