Comment from SAIF Scotland with respect to the Funeral Director Code of Practice 2024:

The National Society of Allied and Independent Funeral Directors (SAIF) was established in 1989 and is now the largest trade association representing independent funeral companies in the U K. SAIF Scotland welcomes the news that Scotland's Funeral Director Code of Practice is moving towards Parliamentary approval and implementation in 2024.

As a trade association representing independent funeral businesses across Scotland, we believe that the Code is a positive step for the profession and we are content that it will meet its stated aims.

For many years, reputable funeral directors in Scotland have called for a set of regulated standards to which all businesses in the profession must adhere. The Funeral Director Code of Practice 2024 achieves that objective.

SAIF Scotland is grateful to the Scottish Government for the consultative approach it has taken in creating the Funeral Director Code of Practice. We are confident that it is a workable framework for what is an extremely complex sector comprising large corporates and micro businesses.

We look forward to continuing our work with the Scottish Government's Burials and Cremation team to ensure smooth adoption of the Code, once approved.

James Morris President SAIF Scotland

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