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Dear Convener,

### **National Clinical Lead for Palliative and End of Life Care**

I am pleased to be able to share with you that the process to appoint a National Clinical Lead for Palliative and End of Life Care has concluded, and the position has been offered to Dr Alison C. Mitchell, Consultant in Palliative Medicine at the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre. The relevant pre-employment process is underway, following which, we anticipate Dr Mitchell will take up post in the last week of March 2022.

The National Clinical Lead for Palliative and End of Life Care will provide guidance and leadership at a national level, and will help drive forward the development of our new palliative and end of life care strategy.

It is important to reflect that much of the success of our previous palliative and end of life care strategy relied on the empowerment of local services to make changes in the way they work to meaningfully improve on the care provided to those nearing the end of life. With this in mind, we also anticipate the Dr Mitchell will have a key role in supporting improvements in the planning and delivery of local palliative and end of life care services.

I hope that this information is helpful to you and the Committee, and I am sure that you and the Committee will have the opportunity to welcome Dr Mitchell to her new role in due course.

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Yours sincerely,

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