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Dear Convener

**SUBJECT: East Dunbartonshire HSCP Response – Self Directed Support Post
Legislative Scrutiny – Report Recommendations**

This letter is to serve as East Dunbartonshire HSCP's response to the recommendations that have been identified following the Phase 2 Post Legislative Scrutiny of the Social Care (Self Directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2014. East Dunbartonshire HSCP were grateful to have been invited to and participate in the scrutiny panel.

The recommendations identified in the report, in East Dunbartonshire HSCP's opinion, fall into three categories:

- East Dunbartonshire has an active SDS Implementation Plan which is renewed on a three yearly basis, with the most recent rendition being implemented in April 2024. Many of the recommendations within the report are included as active activities either being undertaken at present, or are due to be implemented within the three-year period. Examples of these include: planned SDS awareness raising sessions to all stakeholders in partnership with our third sector partners; supporting social work practitioners to explore creative and innovative support planning; delivery of 'Asset Based' support planning training; and regular SDS multi-agency training sessions. East Dunbartonshire HSCP's SDS Implementation Plan 2024 – 2027 can be sourced on the website: <https://health.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/services/a-z-of-services/adults-older-people/self-directed-support-implementation-plan-2024-2027/>
- There are a small number of recommendations which, whilst not part of East Dunbartonshire HSCP's current local SDS Implementation Plan, can be pursued, in partnership with other Council teams, for example, Strategic Commissioning, Procurement and Legal Services, to determine their feasibility and viability, for implementation: for example Review of the Council's Standing Orders to ensure that SDS is recognised from the perspective of flexible and creative expenditure across all SDS options. The HSCP is, in early 2025, going to introduce a mandatory SDS training session targeted at Team Managers and Senior Practitioners across all adult and children's Social Work Teams. We are also

developing information and training sessions to be delivered to the local Health and Social Care Forum and Integrated Joint Board in early 2025. Membership of the Forum and Board includes senior management and elected members.

- There are a number of recommendations which, if to become feasible, will require additional resource to the HSCP and Councils to implement or to be directed and progressed by the Scottish Government and/or other national bodies. East Dunbartonshire HSCP Officers are enthusiastic to participate in any national working groups that are convened to progress these recommendations.

Yours sincerely

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