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Dear Clare,

Earlier this year I highlighted that the Scottish Government was collaborating closely with stakeholders across the palliative care sector to develop a new Palliative Care Strategy.

I am pleased to inform you that on Wednesday, 2nd October we will be publishing our draft strategy *Palliative Care Matters for All* which will help achieve the best possible standards of palliative care for adults and children, families, and carers, wherever and whenever it is needed.

The draft strategy has developed under the principle of co-design, under our shared commitment of ensuring that everyone who needs it can access well-coordinated, timely and high-quality palliative care, care around dying and bereavement support based on what matters to them. The draft strategy has been developed using evidence set out in the additional papers (three of which have been published alongside this strategy) and from listening to those with lived experience.

The draft strategy also aims to improve awareness of palliative care as many of us at some point in our lives will need to have conversations with people close to us about serious illness, death, and loss. Talking more openly about palliative care is the first step to understanding how and when it can benefit us – often at a much earlier stage and for longer than most people realise.

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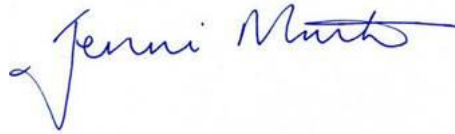
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The consultation is due to close on 10 January 2025, and during the consultation period my officials will be engaging with stakeholders to gain feedback and support development of a number of the actions proposed. We are aiming to publish a final strategy in early 2025 once analysis of the consultation responses has taken place.

Please see Annex A for links to the publications and consultation, which will go-live on Wednesday, 2nd October.

Yours sincerely,



Jenni Minto MSP

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[The links will be live around 09:30 on Wednesday, 2nd October]

Palliative Care Strategy: Consultation - <https://consult.gov.scot/healthcare-quality-and-improvement/palliative-care-matters-for-all>

Palliative Care Strategy: Palliative Care Matters for all - <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781836015383>

Palliative Care Strategy: Service Mapping Survey: Additional Paper - <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781836015345>

Palliative Care Strategy: Lived Experiences and Public Views: Additional Paper - <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781836015352>

Palliative Care Strategy: Population Data and Research: Additional Paper - <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781836015390>

Palliative Care Strategy: HIS Gatherings Views Report - [Gathering views on palliative care | HIS Engage](#)

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