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Scottish Hospitals Inquiry: Interim Report on the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People and Department of Clinical Neuroscience, Edinburgh

Dear Convener

As part of its remit, the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry has considered the planning, design, construction and commissioning of the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People and Department of Clinical Neurosciences (RHCYP/DCN), Edinburgh. The Inquiry concluded its hearings into the RHCYP/DCN last summer and today the Chair of the Inquiry, Lord Brodie, published his interim report. As sponsoring Minister to the Inquiry, I have arranged for the report to be laid in Parliament today in accordance with the requirements of the Inquiries Act 2005.

I am grateful to Lord Brodie and all the members of the Inquiry for their hard work and dedication in producing this report and I am sure that you and all the members of the Health, Social Care & Sport Committee share my gratitude. I welcome the progress made by the Inquiry in delivering this report, which sets out 11 recommendations. It is right that I, along with the whole Scottish Government, take the time to reflect on the report's findings before responding in full. I intend to keep Parliament and the Committee fully updated on the Scottish Government's response.

I am also cognisant that the work of Lord Brodie and the Inquiry has not yet concluded. The work on the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow (QEUH) continues, with the next diet of hearings due to begin in May 2025. This continued progress is vital for the families and all those affected by what happened at the QEUH.

I look forward to updating you on the Scottish Government's response to the Inquiry's interim recommendations on the RHCYP/DCN as soon as possible and hope to outline further progress made by the Inquiry with regards to its ongoing investigations in the due course.

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