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Convener
Health, Social Care and Sport Committee
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National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (Stage 2) Call for Views

Dear Convener,

We are writing to you as health and social care third sector stakeholders including membership and representative bodies and people with lived experience to request the Call for Views on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (Stage 2) draft amendments is extended to the end of September.

Although we are glad to see progress in this area, we are concerned that with the current allocated response time and the complexity of the topic at hand we will be unable to give due diligence to the questions asked.

The Call for Views also takes place at a time when there is limited capacity due to it being parliamentary recess, the summer holidays and co-occurring consultations taking place such as the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults Bill. An additional barrier for key stakeholders meaningfully engaging in this process is that Easy Read versions of the draft Call for Views question and the NCS draft amendments have not been published.

With such an extension, we will have the appropriate capacity to respond and have the time to inform and gather insights from our members and/or people with lived experience, and will also allow others with an interest in the Bill to participate in the Call for Views.

We understand that this Bill will take close cognisance of those with lived experience needing or using of social care as well as those delivering it. As many of us represent those with such lived experience, your consideration of our request would be greatly appreciated, and we look forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

Aileen Morton, Hospice UK, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Officer

Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland

Claire Cairns, Director, Coalition of Carers in Scotland

Cosgrove Care

Dr Jim Elder-Woodward OBE, Chair of the Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living and Co-Convenor of Inclusion Scotland

George WM Grindlay, Individual

Gordon Johnston, Chair, Vox Scotland

The Rt.Hon. Sir Ian McCartney, Service User Representative

Isabella Goldie, CEO, Deafblind Scotland

James Jopling, Director, Parkinson's UK Scotland

People First (Scotland)

Rachel Cackett, CEO, Coalition of Care Providers in Scotland (CCPS)

Robert Fraser, Chief Executive, The Scottish Centre for Children with Motor Impairments

Sandra Auld, Chair of the Service User Reference Group, Perth & Kinross HSCP

Sara Redmond, Chief Officer of Development, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE)

Shared Care Scotland

Tressa Burke, Chief Executive Officer, Glasgow Disability Alliance