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Dear Cabinet Secretary

On behalf of CCPS's membership, I am writing in response to media reports over the past week about the introduction of emergency spending controls and imminent Scottish Government decisions on "de-prioritisation".

Given the obvious seriousness of Scotland's fiscal situation and with the Scottish Parliament currently in recess, can you say when a full public statement to clarify intent will be made available? You will be aware of the serious disquiet the lack of detail is bringing to us and our members.

In addition, are you able to confirm that all those providing social care and support services through public contracts are included in any definitions of public sector pay in this context?

I ask these questions mindful of the acute challenges now facing organisations in our sector as they struggle to maintain services due to underinvestment and lack of Fair Work. We would be deeply concerned on behalf of our members if the disparity in pay for providing publicly-funded social care services between public sector and contracted not-for-profit staff were to increase yet further through this period of austerity.

In the context of deepening insecurity of care and support provision for people and communities throughout Scotland, they – and our members – need reassurance, clarity and transparency now.

I would also like to request an urgent meeting to share experiences of our members and the people they support from cuts already underway, and hear how your plans for emergency spending controls will affect not-for-profit providers in the immediate future.

Yours sincerely,

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cc Neil Gray MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care  
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