

16 October advice note from Health officials to First Minister

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Sent: 16 October 2023 14:50

To: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care <CabSecNRHSC@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <DGHSC@gov.scot>; Caroline Lamb <Caroline.Lamb@gov.scot>; John Burns <John.Burns@gov.scot>; Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>; Health EPRR <Health.EPRR@gov.scot>; Jim Baird <jim.baird@gov.scot>; Jim Baird <jim.baird@gov.scot>; Communications NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care <CommunicationsNHSRecoveryHealthandSocialCare@gov.scot>; SGoRR Information <SGoRRInformation@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>

Subject: MEDEVAC SUPPORT FOR OVERSEAS

First Minister

Copy: Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

Caroline Lamb

John Burns

Mike Healy

Jim Baird

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

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MEDEVAC SUPPORT FOR OVERSEAS

Purpose

1. To provide an overview of MEDEVAC process for receiving non-UK nationals from overseas.

Background

2. Government support for overseas MEDEVACS is reserved to UKG, led by FCDO and supported by DHSC and MOD. The Scottish Government (and other DAs) stands ready to support to any MEDEVACS as part of this UK support.

3. Officials have been in contact with DHSC today who have confirmed that:

- a. to date all those being evacuated from Gaza / Israel area have been medically fit to fly unsupported.
- b. FCDO is scoping options for any need for supported flights however here have been no asks for support of complex medical needs.
- c. the situation is evolving, and any deterioration could mean the need changes.

- d. knowledge on the condition of British Nationals within Gaza and OPTs is less well known so again this could change if / when the border crossing opens.

Overview of MEDEVAC Process

4. Should UK / SG be required to receive any MEDEVAC patients the following process applies:

- UK Ministers must be consulted on any decision to MEDEVAC.
- The FCDO assists British Nationals, Dual British Nationals, and unrepresented Commonwealth citizens, however, FCDO assistance is discretionary, not a right.
- Person identified for MEDEVAC from overseas country (this relates to immediate/urgent medical treatment, often specialist i.e Ebola/HCID, battlefield casualties, etc)
- UKG / FCDO Informed and lead the response
- DHSC liaises with NHS Boards in all 4 UK nations
- Clinical Assessment identifies suitable receiving hospital / treatment centre
- Onward transfer to hospital / treatment centre (anywhere in UK)

Engagement with UKG

5. SG officials in HealthEPRR and Resilience Division are in liaison with UKG counterparts regarding the situation in Gaza and any support which can be given. At present these discussions have not identified any need for SG support, with discussions remaining open.

Media / Communications

6. The following media line was used previously for international incidents including the Ukraine conflict:

“NHS Scotland stands ready to offer medical assistance if required.”

Note: This has not been shared/cleared with Communications Healthier today.

Recommendation

7. You are invited to note the above information and previously used media line in relation to MEDEVAC support to non-UK nationals from war/conflict areas.

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16 October 2023

**16 October email chain between senior health officials and with contacts at NHS
England**

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: 16 October 2023 12:56
To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>
Subject: Medevac - FCDO advice

All,

There's no specific announcements on the FCDO website regarding Medevac for this conflict. There is a section of the website for anyone in general who finds themselves in a crisis abroad and offers advice on what to do - [If you're affected by a crisis abroad - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

For Israel/Palestine, it only says "If you are in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including Gaza, you are advised to [register your presence](#) with the FCDO. We can then share important updates, including information to support you to leave the country. Fill in the form for every member of your family or group who is a British national. The UK government is facilitating commercial flights to the UK to help British nationals wanting to leave Israel following the Hamas attack. The first flight departed Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv on 13 October. Vulnerable British nationals are being prioritised for these flights. Travel within or out of Israel is at your own risk. You are encouraged to follow the advice of local authorities, for example on which routes are open or when to take shelter, and monitor this Travel Advice, which is regularly updated. [Register your presence](#) to receive important updates, including information on support to leave the country."

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DG HSC

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Cc: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Medevac requests to support in Gaza/Israel

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Thanks [Redacted 38(1)(b)]– that's helpful. We contacted DH as well. Be good to keep in touch should situation change. We are also being asked about non GB nationals as well in case that is raised with you.

M

Michael Healy

Emergency Preparedness, Resilience & Response Division

Directorate for Chief Operating Officer, NHS Scotland

Scottish Government

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Subject: RE: Medevac requests to support in Gaza/Israel

Mike

We have been asking FCDO via DHSC for info in relation to this we are getting info from DHSC after the daily XGovt calls but so far no action necessary, but we are keeping under close review with DHSC and with MoD and our Strat Liaison Officer ([Redacted 38(1)(b)])

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Subject: Medevac requests to support in Gaza/Israel

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Hi Both,

Are you doing any work on or have been requested to do any work on potential medevacs for British nationals from Gaza/Israel?

Thanks

Mike

Michael Healy

Interim Deputy Director - Emergency Preparedness, Resilience & Response Division

Directorate for Chief Operating Officer, NHS Scotland

Scottish Government

T: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]

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17-18 October email chain between officials in health and external affairs relating to the First Minister's conference speech announcements

From: Claire McPherson <Claire.McPherson@gov.scot>

Sent: 18 October 2023 11:40

To: Jason Leitch <Jason.Leitch@gov.scot>; Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <DGHSC@gov.scot>; Miriam Craven <Miriam.Craven@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; Director of Population Health <Directorofpopulationhealth@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Health EPRR <Health.EPRR@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Burns <John.Burns@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Office of the Chief Operating Officer, NHS Scotland <COO@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FM conference speech: Gaza

Sharing for info.

Emma Roddick was interviewed on Newscast last night, covering both elements of the commitments on Gaza. Full audio can be found [here](#) – interview starts at 17.43 mark. Summary of her comments below.

[FM resettlement route clip]

Q: How would that international scheme actually work, where would they be resettled from? Straight from Gaza or Egypt?

ER: Hopefully through the humanitarian corridor that Humza has been calling for over the last week. We are very clear that there are people stuck, unsure if they are able to make it out of Gaza. They didn't want to leave, most of them, but are feeling the need to because they are under constant bombardment. Leaving people in that situation is unthinkable. So, I think he is absolutely right in calling for this co-operation between the whole international community and it is on all of us to do whatever we can to support people.

Q: How many Gazan refugees could Scotland take do you think?

ER: It is very much going to depend on what the UK is able to offer us, whether the UK – obviously we haven't heard yet what the reaction to this call has been. So, it will be important to make sure we are co-operating with the UK. But as the First Minister said – we are very willing to be the first to take folk in, to be ready and waiting for new Gazan Scots to be making their home here.

Q: So there is a lot of moving pieces here, isn't there. So, the UK government would have to be part of an international agreement to actually do this resettlement scheme and then you are saying you'd need some resources from the UK government to then be able to accept people from the UK resettlement scheme?

ER: Well, it would be a UK resettlement scheme because obviously we don't have the powers yet over immigration to be able to put this into place ourselves, but we are absolutely willing to do the hard part, we are willing to support people here, welcome them in and provide them with the basic needs. But it is about making sure the UK government is willing to step up and open that safe route to Scotland.

Q: He also suggested, the First Minister that there should be some medical evacuations from Gazan hospitals and the Scottish NHS could take some of those patients. How much spare capacity is there in the Scottish NHS for some foreign patients, irrespective of how welcome they would be and how much people want to help them?

ER: We have to recognise that this is a humanitarian crisis, you react to a humanitarian crisis as an emergency, we've got resources here that do not exist in Gaza and we know, heartbreakingly that people are really, really suffering. They've been injured, they are unwell, and we have a national health service, of course we should be welcoming them in and offering whatever we can.

Q: But didn't he also announce hundreds of millions of pounds to clear the backlog of NHS appointments for Scottish patients? [clip of FM speech] So it sounds like, if you are having to spend hundreds of millions to create some room in the NHS for Scottish people, how can there be room for people from Gaza?

ER: I wouldn't draw that distinction; I think if people need medical treatment and they are in Scotland then that is what we should be offering. But on the point - yes, we are putting money in to clear planned appointments. I think that is again just the right thing to do, although separate to a humanitarian response to a very devastating crisis.

CLAIRE MCPHERSON

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Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 8:20 AM

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Subject: Re: FM conference speech: Gaza

Thanks Mike and all. I'm in touch with my own set of contacts, [29 words Redacted 30(b)(ii)] my immediate impression is there's nothing we can do unless the diplomacy creates a corridor through which the injured could pass. Mike staying connected to UK colleagues is the most productive route and we can volunteer if anything actually changes.

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Jason Leitch

National Clinical Director

From: Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>

Sent: 17 October 2023 17:26

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Officer, NHS Scotland <COO@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FM conference speech: Gaza

Thanks [Redacted 38(1)(b)]

I was speaking to FM Office yesterday and in contact with Dept of Health and NHS England on any action to medevac. No request made as yet to UKG.

Mike

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Cc: Claire McPherson <Claire.McPherson@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Jason Leitch <Jason.Leitch@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <DGHSC@gov.scot>; Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>; Health EPRR <Health.EPRR@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FM conference speech: Gaza

Copying Health EPRR colleagues.

From: Miriam Craven <Miriam.Craven@socialsecurity.gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: FM conference speech: Gaza

Thanks Scott, noted and scenario planning is developing.

Thanks

Miriam

From: Richard Foggo <Richard.Foggo@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Director of Population Health
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 4:28 PM
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Health <Directorofpopulationhealth@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FM conference speech: Gaza

Scott – noted, thanks. Copying in DG office and Jason, who may have been involved in any initial contact around provision of NHS support.

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Richard Foggo | Co-Director, Population Health | The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Edinburgh | @RichardFoggo | he, him.

From: Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 4:23 PM

To: Miriam Craven <Miriam.Craven@socialsecurity.gov.scot>

Cc: Richard Foggo <Richard.Foggo@gov.scot>; Claire McPherson <Claire.McPherson@gov.scot>;

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Subject: FM conference speech: Gaza

Miriam

Copied below relevant extract in red. Also copying to Richard for reference to treating injured.

Scott

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Gaza comments from FM SNP conference speech.

- Humza Yousaf begins by saying he has never felt the love and kindness of the SNP family as much as he has over the last 10 days and thanks them all.

He tells the conference what's happening in the Middle East is truly "heart-breaking" and must be condemned in the strongest manner possible.

"Too many innocent men, women and children are suffering."

Yousaf asks the audience to imagine the reality for Israeli and Palestinian families, who are living without water, food and aid.

He says a humanitarian corridor must be opened and he condemned Hamas's actions against Israel.

Turning to Scotland, he continues: "Here at home, to Scotland's Jewish, Muslim and Palestinian communities, you're communities that I love."

He says he wants them to know, "I share the pain".

"There is no room for anti-semitism, islamophobia, or hatred of any kind here in Scotland."

Yousaf has asked the UK government to take urgent steps amid the Israel-Gaza war.

He says the government should create a resettlement scheme for people in Gaza who can and want to leave.

He says: "Scotland is willing to be the first country in the UK to offer safety and sanctuary to those caught up in these terrible attacks."

- The first minister says his brother-in-law is a doctor in Gaza.

"When we can get through to him on the phone, he tells us of scenes of carnage," continues Humza Yousaf.

He urges the UK government to support the medical evacuation of injured civilians in Gaza.

"Scotland is ready to play her part and our hospitals will treat the injured men, women and children of Gaza where we can."

19-23 October email chain between senior officials across Communities, Health and Social Care and Housing policy teams discussing advice on refugee resettlement

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 23 October 2023 11:52

To: DG Health & Social Care <DGHSC@gov.scot>; Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>

Cc: DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Alison Byrne <Alison.Byrne@gov.scot>; Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights <DirectorforEIHR@gov.scot>; Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Health EPRR <Health.EPRR@gov.scot>; John Burns <John.Burns@gov.scot>; Director for Local Government and Housing <DirectorForLocalGovernmentandHousing@gov.scot>; Director for Ukraine Resettlement <DirectorUkraineResettlement@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Gaza/Israel - possible resettlement scheme - information note

All

[Redacted 38(1)(b)] and I have discussed. Attached is an email with advice on MEDEVAC that EPRR sent last week on the situation. Also attached is information I sent last week following FM announcement at conference.

State of play re medical provision:

- As with resettlement, there is a formal process for medical evacuations to be managed through (MEDEVAC).
- This process is determined and controlled by UK Government, and where needed other DAs NHS support.
- Most impacts are handled within Birmingham as they have capacity to service immediate responses of this nature, and have done so in the past (including UK military needs)
- [34 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]

[191 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]

Officials are continuing to work on this, including discussions with COSLA and the Scottish Refugee Council this week. Updates will be provided as work progresses.

Regards

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Scottish Government

Head of Unit

Asylum and Refugee Integration

Mainstreaming Strategy & Inclusion Division

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Pronouns: He/Him`

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** DG Health & Social Care
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 9:18 AM
To: Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Gaza/Israel - possible resettlement scheme - information note

Nick, [Redacted 38(1)(b)]– if you speak to Health EPRR colleagues who I’ve copied.

From: Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 9:03 AM
To: Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: DG Health & Social Care <DGHSC@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Alison Byrne <Alison.Byrne@gov.scot>; Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights <DirectorforEIHR@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Gaza/Israel - possible resettlement scheme - information note

Copying in [Redacted 38(1)(b)] who I know has been reaching out to identify health colleagues to speak to

From: Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 9:00 AM
To: Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>
Cc: DG Health & Social Care <DGHSC@gov.scot>; DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Alison Byrne <Alison.Byrne@gov.scot>; Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights <DirectorforEIHR@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Gaza/Israel - possible resettlement scheme - information note

Morning Nick,

[Redacted 38(1)(b)] has helpfully pointed me to you in relation to the above this week.

You will wish to review the email chain below in relation to future advice on a Gaza/Israel - possible resettlement scheme.

In short, can we please make sure that advice is developed in partnership with/copied to relevant health colleagues and includes the indicative budget levels required to support each element [21 words Redacted 30(b)(i)]

Thanks in advance and very happy to discuss if helpful.

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]
PPS Permanent Secretary

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** DG Communities
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 4:57 PM
To: Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>

Cc: DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Gaza/Israel - possible resettlement scheme - information note

Hi Anna,

Further to Lesley's email, for information Alison is on leave next week and Nick Bland, Deputy Director, Equality and Inclusion, is covering and has been dealing with Israel/Gaza so will be up to speed.

Thanks

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted 38(1)(b)] **Private Secretary to Louise Macdonald, Director General Communities**

Contactable via MS Teams or DGCommunities@gov.scot

From: Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 4:52 PM

To: Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <DGHSC@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>

Cc: DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Caroline Lamb <Caroline.Lamb@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Gaza/Israel - possible resettlement scheme - information note

Many thanks for copying me into this.

Anna – for next week: can we contact Louise McD and Alison B to confirm that it would be helpful in any future advice to highlight the existing resources available to provide support of this sort (if required)? [48 words Redacted 30(b)(i)]

Many thanks

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Lesley

Lesley Fraser | she/her | Director General Corporate
Scottish Government | [Redacted 38(1)(b)]

This mailbox is for my urgent personal attention only. Please send other mail to DGCorporate@gov.scot. I work Monday to Friday when the DG Corporate inbox is normally covered from 8.45am-5pm. If you need an urgent response outside those hours, please call or text.

From: Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 5:58 PM

To: DG Health & Social Care <DGHSC@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; Lesley Fraser <Lesley.Fraser@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>

Cc: DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Caroline Lamb <Caroline.Lamb@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Gaza/Israel - possible resettlement scheme - information note

Thanks [Redacted 38(1)(b)]. I have also copied to DG HSC the direct links to some of the content/offer of Scottish hospital care for the wounded.

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From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Permanent Secretary
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 5:47 PM
To: DG Corporate <dgcorporate@gov.scot>; Anna Kynaston <Anna.Kynaston@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Gaza/Israel - possible resettlement scheme - information note

Both

To be aware advice to Ms Roddick on possible resettlement scheme, copied to FM.

Many thanks

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

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19-21 October email chain between Asylum and Refugee officials and the First Minister's private office.

Note to requester: the "information note" referred to in the below correspondence was already released by the Scottish Government in response to another request and is available online at: [FOI 202300381931 - Information Released - Annex A](#)

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 21 October 2023 11:06

To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Minister for Equalities, Migration & Refugees <MinisterEMR@gov.scot>

Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights <DirectorforEIHR@gov.scot>; Director for Local Government and Housing <DirectorForLocalGovernmentandHousing@gov.scot>; Miriam Craven <Miriam.Craven@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>; Claire McPherson <Claire.McPherson@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Will Tyler-Greig <Will.Tyler-Greig@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Joe Brown <Joe.Brown@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Emilie-Louise Purdie <Emilie-Louise.Purdie@gov.scot>; Communications Social Justice <CommunicationsSocialJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Audrey MacDougall <Audrey.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Gaza/Israel - possible resettlement scheme - information note

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Good morning [Redacted 38(1)(b)],

FM has commented that this is a helpful note and agrees that any resettlement scheme should follow the Syrian VPR scheme process. Officials should continue preparing the groundwork should a resettlement scheme be agreed

Many thanks,

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Deputy Private Secretary to the First Minister

Office of the First Minister

5th Floor | St Andrews House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG

M: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]



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From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 5:29 PM

To: Minister for Equalities, Migration & Refugees <MinisterEMR@gov.scot>

Cc: First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights <DirectorforEIHR@gov.scot>; Director for Local Government and Housing <DirectorForLocalGovernmentandHousing@gov.scot>; Miriam Craven <Miriam.Craven@socialsecurity.gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>; Claire McPherson <Claire.McPherson@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Will Tyler-Greig <Will.Tyler-Greig@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Joe Brown <Joe.Brown@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Emilie-Louise Purdie <Emilie-Louise.Purdie@gov.scot>; Communications Social Justice <CommunicationsSocialJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Audrey MacDougall <Audrey.MacDougall@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Subject: Gaza/Israel - possible resettlement scheme - information note

PS/Minister

Please see attached for information.

Regards

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Scottish Government

Head of Unit

Asylum and Refugee Integration

Mainstreaming Strategy & Inclusion Division

Pronouns: He/Him

26 October email exchange between Health officials regarding internal development of advice to Ministers

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: 26 October 2023 13:28
To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Medical evacuation from Gaza

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]– just to say I agree with [Redacted 38(1)(b)] points below especially his last para. [23 words redacted 30(b)(ii)] I think it might be worth dropping John and Caroline a short note to highlight [Redacted 38(1)(b)] email so they are aware.

Thanks,
[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 1:24 PM
To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Medical evacuation from Gaza

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Graham Ellis DCMO was involved in the NHSS medical support for Ukraine and I bring him to the discussion. (I actually bumped in him in SAH last week and we briefly mentioned the possibility of this).

Specialist capacity is the main thing to consider as casualties only reach the UK if they cannot be treated in their own country or in a neighbouring country. We did a trawl of specialist support which may be available in Scotland last year for Ukraine however that was never called upon as the UK did not receive any medevacs from Ukraine as people were all processed through a EU medical support effort, of which UK is no longer part of. (A few other things to consider but that is the gist of it)

The main thing to be aware is that this is all UKG led and there is nothing we can do (or should be suggesting we can do) until individuals are in the UK, at which point it becomes a joint 4 nations effort.

HTD further as required.
[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: 26 October 2023 13:13
To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Medical evacuation from Gaza

Hi [Redacted 38(1)(b)], [Redacted 38(1)(b)],

Please see email below. This is now spreading beyond EPRR and I think we bring in others to the discussion. DCMO perhaps, and one of the DD's from our Directorate to consider NHS Scotland capability/capacity?

Grateful for any thoughts?

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: 26 October 2023 11:28
To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: Medical evacuation from Gaza

Hi [Redacted 38(1)(b)],

I'm working with [Redacted 38(1)(b)] on SG's position around a potential future refugee resettlement scheme from Gaza. You helped clear some lines on this earlier in the week as one of the things FM is calling for is that SG supports the medical evacuation of people if needed.

[65 words Redacted 30(b)(iii); 29(1)(a)]

It'd be great if we could have a call next week to start scoping some of this out and we're not expecting you to have answers to these questions at this stage but to help inform what planning needs to take place next. If you're content, I'll put a slot in diaries.

Thanks,

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Ukraine Resettlement – Ministerial Support Team
Team Mailbox for all Ukraine queries is: EIHRUkraineResettlement@gov.scot

27 October email exchange between officials and the private office of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice regarding correspondence to UK Government on topic of resettlement scheme

Note to requester: the letter referred to within the below email chain was published on Scottish Government's website and is available at: [Israel-Gaza conflict: letter to UK Government about Gaza refugee scheme - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice

Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 10:33 AM

To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >

Cc: Minister for Equalities, Migration & Refugees <MinisterEMR@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; Director for Local Government and Housing <DirectorForLocalGovernmentandHousing@gov.scot>; Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights <DirectorforEIHR@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>; Claire McPherson <Claire.McPherson@gov.scot>; Communications Social Justice <CommunicationsSocialJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; Joe Brown <Joe.Brown@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot >; Will Tyler-Greig <Will.Tyler-Greig@gov.scot >

Subject: RE: Request for Letter to the Home Secretary - Gaza resettlement

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Hi [Redacted 38(1)(b)],

Thank you. To confirm, Ms Somerville is content and the letter has now been issued. Please find attached a copy for your records.

Many thanks,

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted 38(1)(b)] (she/her)

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From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 9:57 AM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Equalities, Migration & Refugees <MinisterEMR@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; Director for Local Government and Housing <DirectorForLocalGovernmentandHousing@gov.scot>; Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights <DirectorforEIHR@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>; Claire McPherson <Claire.McPherson@gov.scot>; Communications Social Justice <CommunicationsSocialJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; Joe Brown <Joe.Brown@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Will Tyler-Greig <Will.Tyler-Greig@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Request for Letter to the Home Secretary - Gaza resettlement

PS/Cab Sec

As discussed please see attached revised letter, changing 2 references to "I call" in 6th and final paragraphs to more polite/helpful wording.

Regards

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Scottish Government

Head of Unit

Asylum and Refugee Integration

Mainstreaming Strategy & Inclusion Division

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Pronouns: He/Him

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 2:29 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Equalities, Migration & Refugees <MinisterEMR@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; Director for Local Government and Housing <DirectorForLocalGovernmentandHousing@gov.scot>; Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights <DirectorforEIHR@gov.scot>; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>; Claire McPherson <Claire.McPherson@gov.scot>; Communications Social Justice <CommunicationsSocialJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton

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Tyler-Greig <Will.Tyler-Greig@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Request for Letter to the Home Secretary - Gaza resettlement

Hi [Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Please see attached draft letter for Cab Sec to send to UKG, cleared by
ELP.

Regards

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]
Scottish Government
Head of Unit
Asylum and Refugee Integration
Mainstreaming Strategy & Inclusion Division
[Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Pronouns: He/Him

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 12:13 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>
Cc: Claire McPherson <Claire.McPherson@gov.scot>; Minister for Equalities, Migration & Refugees <MinisterEMR@gov.scot>; Emilie-Louise Purdie <Emilie-Louise.Purdie@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications Social Justice <CommunicationsSocialJustice@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Request for Letter to the Home Secretary

Hi [Redacted 38(1)(b)],

I have copied in [Redacted 38(1)(b)] and his team – they lead on asylum and refugee resettlement and are better placed to draft this letter.

Also copying in DEXA colleagues for information.

Many thanks,

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Migration Strategy Team Leader | Population and Migration Division | Scottish Government

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Pronouns she/her

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 6:56 PM
To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: Claire McPherson <Claire.McPherson@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; Minister for Equalities, Migration & Refugees <MinisterEMR@gov.scot>; Emilie-Louise Purdie <Emilie-Louise.Purdie@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Communications Social Justice <CommunicationsSocialJustice@gov.scot>
Subject: Request for Letter to the Home Secretary

Hi [Redacted 38(1)(b)],

I have a few requests from the Cabinet Secretary that I would be grateful if you can action please, happy for you to copy in others. The Cabinet Secretary has asked for the following:

- Draft letter from her calling on the Home Secretary to act on the SG calls for a refugee resettlement scheme, including an urgent meeting to discuss the proposal
- Draft a press release and social media content in relation to this letter
- An op ed to be drafted in Ms Roddick's name reiterating SG action to date for Gaza with £ aid, and calling on UKG to take action in setting up a refugee resettlement scheme

Apologies for the tight turnaround but grateful if we can have all of these by COP Wednesday please.

Also copying in comms for their awareness.

Many thanks,

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted 38(1)(b)] (she/her)

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8 December email chain between health and external affairs officials regarding pending advice to the First Minister

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 12:05 PM
To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Paterson <John.Paterson@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; Deputy Director of Health Workforce, Planning and Development <DeputyDirectorHWPD@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FM briefing on Gaza

Thanks [Redacted 38(1)(b)]

I agree it would be helpful to have agreed lines to base official responses on. We have already provided info on donating medical supplies but if you need anything further let me know.

I will ensure everyone on this chain of correspondence is included in the DL for commission I am about to issue for advice to FM on “treating children from Gaza in Scotland”.

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: 08 December 2023 11:09
To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Paterson <John.Paterson@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
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Subject: FM briefing on Gaza

Morning folks

I know FM has asked for advice on the humanitarian/health aspect of the conflict in Gaza and I want to make sure any advice being developed is based upon the most accurate assessment of financial and logistic capability, and lies on firm constitutional and legal ground.

My unit has got a few, albeit growing, number of correspondence cases on MiCase, so we'd benefit from having a coherent and consistent set of lines to use publicly about the situation in Gaza. I've seen the draft FMQ on the SG position, which is useful – can I check these lines are now fine for public use ([Redacted 38(1)(b)])?

I understand there's advice being developed on four aspects of humanitarian support:

- medical evacuations;
- special leave for NHS medical staff to volunteer;
- donations;
- provision of medical supplies.

Any advice on these matters needs to be supported by an assessment of the financial, political and legal implications. I'm therefore copying in colleagues from Health Finance ([Redacted 38(1)(b)], [Redacted 38(1)(b)]), Health Workforce ([Redacted 38(1)(b)]), and SGLD (John Paterson). I'm also copying in colleagues from UK Relations ([Redacted 38(1)(b)]) and Migration ([Redacted 38(1)(b)]), to advise on what we can do in terms of the constitutional settlement, and which actions are beyond our competence. Note that [Redacted 38(1)(b)] is submerged in the budget so won't have time to consider until Tuesday.

[Redacted 38(1)(b)], I understand you're about to commission the briefing so apologies if this cuts across that and you've already considered all this – I'm just making sure we're all on the same page.

Regards

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Head of the Health and Social Care Intergovernmental and International Relations Unit | Health Workforce Directorate | Scottish Government

T: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]

E: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

6-14 December email chain between Health Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) officials, senior health officials; External Affairs officials and First Minister's private office

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: 14 December 2023 09:37
To: John Burns <John.Burns@gov.scot>
Cc: Office of the Chief Operating Officer, NHS Scotland <COO@gov.scot>; Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE - FM Request for Advice - NHS Scotland Trauma Surgery for Gaza Children

John

I received further info late yesterday on a trilateral Ministerial meeting with SG, Welsh Gov and UKG which confirmed medevacs are not being considered. Amended sub attached.

Any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]
Sent: 12 December 2023 17:50
To: DG Health & Social Care <DGHSC@gov.scot>; John Burns <John.Burns@gov.scot>
Cc: Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>; Office of the Chief Operating Officer, NHS Scotland <COO@gov.scot>
Subject: IMMEDIATE - FM Request for Advice - NHS Scotland Trauma Surgery for Gaza Children

DG Health and Social care
COO
Copy: Mike

Please find attached the draft sub to FM as noted below.
Apologies for the delay -grateful for a quick turnaround if possible as this is due tonight.
(I will contact FM office to say it will be sent tomorrow morning).

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]
Sent: 12 December 2023 14:59
To: DG Health & Social Care <DGHSC@gov.scot>; John Burns <John.Burns@gov.scot>
Cc: Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: URGENT: FM Request for Advice - NHS Scotland Trauma Surgery for Gaza Children

DG Health and Social care
COO
Copy: Mike

For awareness.

Pls see below. I am working on a submission to FM re possible treatment of children from Gaza here in Scotland. This is due at PO by close of play and I wanted to let you know that I will share this with you both later this afternoon for approval. The contributions I received are very helpful however in many instances cover a much wider range of issues than is required for this submission, hence the delay in getting a final draft too you sooner. Apologies for this.

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Head of Delivery and Assurance Unit

Health: EPRR (Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response)
Directorate for Chief Operating Officer, NHS Scotland

M: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]



From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Sent: 08 December 2023 14:34

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To: As per distribution / copy lists

URGENT: With apologies for the tight deadline – a response is required by 12:00 Tuesday 12TH December.
(Inc Nil Returns – top copy recipients only)

ADVICE TO FIRST MINISTER ON TREATING CHILDREN FROM GAZA IN SCOTLAND

Please see commission below and attached email from FM's Office.

As you can see, the First Minister has requested advice on 'whether the NHS in Scotland could assist with treating children from Gaza'. Following discussions with colleagues in HSCD and DEXA it was felt that given the wide range of factors which may impact on this, it is more helpful to provide information on the main themes listed. This will ensure FM is provided with a wide understanding of the challenges and opportunities we currently face in considering the feasibility of bringing and treating patients from the Gaza region to Scotland

1. **NHS resources** – capabilities and capacity to treat paediatric (and other) patients in Scotland
2. **NHS staff** – staff volunteering to support via other organisations; releasing staff to work in Gaza region, etc
3. **Donation of medical supplies** – as undertaken as part of support for Ukraine
4. **Other support mechanisms** – for example: SG cash donations to UN / other recognised support organisations.

I appreciate this is an ever changing situation which could change at any moment. It would be helpful to consider as a minimum the following issues in your response:

- Any restrictions – for example, reserved or legal constraints
- Resource implications – pressure on NHS capacity, staffing levels, etc
- Financial implications – direct / indirect,
- Alternative opportunities to provide medical support – now or in the near future

Apologies once again for the tight deadline.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries or to discuss further.

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Head of Delivery and Assurance Unit

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John/Mike,

The First Minister has asked for officials to explore and provide advice on whether the NHS in Scotland could assist with treating children from Gaza. [34 words Redacted 29(1)(a); 30(b)(ii)]

[32 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]. If there are other options in terms of providing wider medical support/aid that would be helpful to include in the note too.

I'd be grateful for this advice by COP Tuesday (12/12) if at all possible please.

Many thanks,

[Redacted 38(1)(b)] (she/her)
Deputy Private Secretary
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11-20 December email chain of contributions to advice from officials in health and external affairs and special advisers

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Response just in from FCDO to our request for any info on whether any consignments of medical equipment are planned by UKG for Gaza.

FCDO have [79 words Redacted 28(1)]

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

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[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Below is a short contribution from Health Workforce on some aspects of staff deployment/volunteering, [309 words Redacted 30(b)(ii)]

Anyway, here's the Health Workforce contribution:

NHS Scotland has some provisions in place for staff release and/or leave:

- **Reserve Forces Training and Mobilisation policy**, where Reservist staff may be mobilised for full-time service.
- **NHSScotland special Leave Policy and supporting documents**, setting out the statutory rights of employees to a reasonable amount of time off to deal with emergencies affecting family and dependants.

The Reserve Forces Training and Mobilisation policy aims to support staff in the Reserve Forces and who may be subject to call up and mobilisation in areas of conflict; time off for training; and also High Readiness Reserves (HRR) and Civil Contingency Reaction Forces (CCRF).

The NHSScotland special Leave Policy offers paid time off for civic and public duties and refers to supporting employees who participate in different types of civic and public duties. It also advises that there may be '*situations where your local Board approve other areas for leave, such as to support elite sportspeople representing their country or [NHS Global Citizenship participation](#)*'.

The first of these mechanisms can only be triggered by the UK Government. [Redacted 38(1)(b)] manages the NHS Global Citizenship programme and can offer a view on whether it is a suitable vehicle for medical support in Gaza.

These might be useful: [the WHO's Operational Response Plan for the occupied Palestinian territory \(October 23-January 24\)](#) and [UK MED's Q&A on Gaza](#). The WHO's operational plan says that '[t]here has been minimal evacuation of the injured or ill, and only a few humanitarian workers are able to enter or exit', and then goes on to set out what can be done in several areas characterised by the level of access.
[175 words Redacted 30(b)(ii); 29(1)(a)]

Regards

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

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Hi [Redacted 38(1)(b)],

See attached response from UNRWA with a list of medical supplies, food and NFIs that they are seeking for Gaza. As previously advised, [24 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]

I have not yet heard from FCDO if [32 words Redacted 29(1)(a); 28(1)]

Just let me know if you would like to pursue this further.

Thanks

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

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Hi [Redacted 38(1)(b)],

Most points will be covered by yourself and colleagues and we have already discussed in detail, but sharing the below lines which relate to DEXA interest on each request. Grateful if you could share the submission with ourselves for Scott's approval ahead of sending up.

1. **NHS resources** – [44 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]
2. **NHS staff** – [66 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]
3. **Donation of medical supplies** – [199 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]
4. **Other support mechanisms** – [74 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]

[183 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]

Thanks

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

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Thanks [Redacted 38(1)(b)]- really helpful outline. Also worth considering are some public health issues for wider family and groups. Many may be pregnant mothers, TB screening and vaccination may need considered. When considering other groups Hep B/C figured as considerations.

[139 words Redacted 30(b)(ii); 29(1)(a)]

Graham

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Morning [Redacted 38(1)(b)]

I enclose some comments on the acute paediatric perspective.

Comments related to paediatric services

The ask here appears to relate to children or young people who have suffered traumatic injuries and the provision of surgical care in Scotland for an unknown number of individuals.

Hospital care

[100 words Redacted 29(1)(a); 30(b)(i)]

Post discharge

[55 words Redacted 29(1)(a); 30(b)(i)]

Expertise in Scotland

There is expertise in this field in Scotland with three paediatric major trauma centres in Grampian, GGC and Lothian.

Capacity

[105 words Redacted 29(1)(a); 30(b)(i)]

Social work

I would suggest involving the OCSW for a view here too [20 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]

Regards

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Dr [Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Senior Medical Advisor

Paediatrics

Scottish Government

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

18-21 December email chains from First Minister's private office seeking further advice and related chains of health, asylum & refugee and external affairs officials and Scottish Government Legal Directorate discussing additional advice

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 18 December 2023 15:31

To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; John Paterson <John.Paterson@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

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A few addition to [Redacted 38(1)(b)]:

[60 words out of scope]

I think where we are here is:

- (a) Yes, the NHSiS will treat people who come to Scotland,
- (b) There is currently no need for this as they are being treated within region, which is considered the most appropriate place for people to be treated by those involved (e.g. UNHCR etc),
- (c) If people were to arrive it would need support from UKG as they are responsible for immigration/visa rules, and also responsible for any decision around activation of MEDEVAC. Without UKG allowing a route then no one can arrive for treatment.
- (d) [108 words Redacted 28(1)]

Regards

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Scottish Government

Head of Unit

Asylum and Refugee Integration

Mainstreaming Strategy & Inclusion Division

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Pronouns: He/Him

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 2:38 PM

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Hi [Redacted 38(1)(b)],

A few comments if I may to add to this. I think the MOD call today is to discuss [23 words out of scope].

Asylum seekers in the UK can receive healthcare but don't have citizenship or a visa. [62 words Redacted 29(1)(a); 30(b)(ii)]

[127 words Redacted 30(b)(i); 30 (b)(ii); (29(1)(a)]

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

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Ukraine Resettlement – Ministerial Support Team

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From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 21 December 2023 12:26

To: John Paterson <John.Paterson@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

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Just received the following from MOD Liaison Officer in NHS England which I will thread in to the draft response.

[198 words Redacted 30(b)(i); 28(1)]

END

From: John Paterson <John.Paterson@gov.scot>
Sent: 20 December 2023 09:37
To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE : FM Request for Advice - NHS Scotland Trauma Surgery for Gaza Children - FURTHER ADVICE

Hi [Redacted 38(1)(b)],

Just to follow up – if visiting the UK for medical reasons, citizens of the OPT from Gaza need a standard visitor visa which covers them for 6 months and which I understand can be renewed. One of the purposes for which such visas can be issued by UKG is for the person to get private medical treatment. [50 words Redacted 30(b)(ii); 29(1)(a)]

Regards
John

From: John Paterson
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 5:02 PM
To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE : FM Request for Advice - NHS Scotland Trauma Surgery for Gaza Children - FURTHER ADVICE

Hi [Redacted 38(1)(b)],

[65 words Redacted 30(b)(ii); 29(1)(a)]

Whilst foreign affairs and international development aid are reserved, international humanitarian aid is not reserved. [117 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]

SG has donated £750k towards the United Nations Relief and Works Agency's (UNRWA) NOTED

[594 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]

Regards
John

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 9:15 AM
To: John Paterson <John.Paterson@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: IMMEDIATE : FM Request for Advice - NHS Scotland Trauma Surgery for Gaza Children - FURTHER ADVICE

John
Copy: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]

[97 words Redacted 30(b)(ii); 29(1)(a)]

There may well be other legal issues to consider that I am not aware of so your input is appreciated.

Happy to discuss

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:47 PM

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John

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Copy: Others as listed for awareness

Please see below.

Before responding to FM, I want to check the exact positioning of this in order to provide a definitive response.

[28 words redacted 29(1)(a)]

[24 words Redacted 29(1)(a); 28(1)]

John – grateful for your views on any legal implications to be considered if (for any reason) patients are not UK citizens / visa holders.

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]– [26 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]

Given the Xmas break is almost upon us – **grateful for responses by COP**

Tuesday 19th December.

Happy to discuss, and please pass on to any colleagues who may be able to provide further advice.

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Head of Delivery and Assurance Unit

Health: EPRR (Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response)

Directorate for Chief Operating Officer, NHS Scotland

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 18 December 2023 13:28

To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; First Minister <FirstMinister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs & Culture <CabSecforCEAC@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Social

Justice <CabSecSJ@gov.scot>; Minister for Culture, Europe & International Development <MinisterforCEID@gov.scot>; Minister for Equalities, Migration & Refugees <MinisterEMR@gov.scot>

Cc: Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <DGHSC@gov.scot>; DG Strategy and External Affairs <DGSEA@gov.scot>; John Burns <John.Burns@gov.scot>; Chief Medical Officer <CMO@gov.scot>; Deputy Chief Medical Officers <DCMO@gov.scot>; Richard McCallum <Richard.McCallum@gov.scot>; DG Communities <DGCommunities@gov.scot>; Director for Equality, Inclusion and Human Rights <DirectorforEIHR@gov.scot>; Office of the Chief Operating Officer, NHS Scotland <COO@gov.scot>; Donna MacKinnon <Donna.MacKinnon@gov.scot>; Frank Strang <Frank.Strang@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Emilie-Louise Purdie <Emilie-Louise.Purdie@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; Christopher Mackie <Christopher.Mackie@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Scott Wightman <Scott.Wightman@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Martin Johnson <Martin.Johnson@gov.scot>; Chief Nursing Officer <CNO@gov.scot>; Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>; Graham Ellis <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Douglas McLaren <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; John Paterson <John.Paterson@gov.scot>; John Primrose <John.Primrose@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Nick Bland <Nick.Bland@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Director of Population Health <Directorofpopulationhealth@gov.scot>; Director of Mental Health <DirectorofMentalHealth@gov.scot>; Tim Mcdonnell <Tim.Mcdonnell@gov.scot>; Paula Speirs <Paula.Speirs@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Jim Baird <jim.baird@gov.scot>; Martin Johnson <Martin.Johnson@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot; Health EPRR <Health.EPRR@gov.scot>; Primary Care Business Support <PrimaryCareBusinessSupport@gov.scot>; Callum McCaig <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; Emilie-Louise Purdie <Emilie-Louise.Purdie@gov.scot>; Emily Mackintosh <Emily.Mackintosh@gov.scot>; Ewan Crawford <Ewan.Crawford@gov.scot>; Gavin Corbett <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; Harry Huyton <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; SGoRR Information <SGoRRInformation@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Kate Higgins <Kate.Higgins@gov.scot>; Kevin Pringle <Kevin.Pringle@gov.scot>; Leanne Dobson <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Sean McGivern <Sean.McGivern@gov.scot>; Tom Thomson <Tom.Thomson@gov.scot>

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[Redacted 38(1)(b)],

The First Minister has requested clarity [76 words Redacted 30(b)(ii); 29(1)(a)]

The First Minister's main concern is that [14 words Redacted 29(1)(a)].

Many thanks,

[Redacted 38(1)(b)] (she/her)

**Deputy Private Secretary
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**22 December email chain with advice sent to First Minister's private office from
EPRR, senior health and External Affairs officials**

Good morning [Redacted 38(1)(b)],
The First Minister has commented that [40 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]

Many thanks,
[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

**Deputy Private Secretary to the First Minister
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Sent: Friday, December 22, 2023 10:14 AM

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Subject: FM Request for Advice - NHS Scotland Trauma Surgery for Gaza Children - response to FM questions

PS / First Minister

Copy: Others as listed.

NHS Scotland Trauma Surgery for Gaza Children

In response to First Minister's follow up questions below the following lines have been agreed with colleagues in Asylum and Refugee Integration; SG legal services and International Development divisions.

UK Government Position

[133 words Redacted 30(b)(ii); 28(1)]

Medevac Costs and Logistics

Medevacs from outwith the UK are normally arranged through FCDO and MOD who provide required medical support during transit. [24 words Redacted 28(1)]

[225 words Redacted 29(1)(a); 30(b)(ii); 28(1)]

Children Travelling to Scotland

[132 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]

Pressure on healthcare services in Scotland

[134 words Redacted 29(1)(a)]

Wrap Around Care

Wrap around care has not been considered at this stage however would be considerable across other various public services including social care, housing, and education.

Conclusions

[116 words Redacted 29(1)(a); 30(b)(ii)]

I trust the above information answers the First Minister's queries however please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information or advice.

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

Head of Delivery and Assurance Unit

Health: EPRR (Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response)

Directorate for Chief Operating Officer, NHS Scotland

M: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]

15 January email from resettlement officials to UK Relations and External affairs officials

From: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

Sent: 15 January 2024 12:36

To: [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; [Redacted 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>

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Subject: RE: Mr Matheson Meeting SPHF

Hi [Redacted 38(1)(b)],

Please find some lines below to cover off resettlement, medevac and **donations in kind** – as agreed with [Redacted 38(1)(b)]. This updates our FMQ lines so copying to [Redacted 38(1)(b)] to note for the core FMQ.

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

REFUGEE RESPONSE

The UK Government has refused our calls to work together to explore a possible Resettlement Route to help anyone who is forced to flee the region.

- Many Palestinians will wish to remain in their homeland, and it is right that the current focus is on calls for a ceasefire and an increase in humanitarian aid.
- Should a displacement of refugees occur, we have called on the UK government to use its existing UK Resettlement Scheme, and ensure it is aligned with UNHCR to provide those who want to leave with the support they require.
- In a response to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, the Home Office Minister for Legal Migration confirmed on 3 January that the UK Government has no current plans to open a resettlement route for people who wish to leave Gaza.
- There are over 1.8 million people internally displaced within the Gaza strip. They are not classed as refugees while they remain within the occupied Palestinian territories.
- In the past, people in Scotland and across the UK have opened their hearts and communities to welcome those from Syria, Ukraine and many other countries. We are ready to do so again if called upon to do so.
- The Scottish Refugee Council, a partner in the New Scots Refugee Integration strategy, has joined our call for the UK Government to activate its existing resettlement scheme, to assist those who need medical treatment, and to open a family reunion scheme to allow people already resident in the UK to bring their loved ones to safety.
- Crucially, this will ensure that all medical needs are in place for those who require it.

MEDICAL EVACUATION

We will continue to urge the UK Government to support the medical evacuation of injured civilians in Gaza.

- Scotland is ready to play its part and Scottish hospitals will treat the injured men, women and children of Gaza where they can.
- People who flee conflict deserve and need this support given the deep trauma many will have experienced.
- WHO also calls for the sustained, orderly, unimpeded and safe medical evacuations of critically injured and sick patients into Egypt through the Rafah Border Crossing.

[153 words out of scope]

[Redacted 38(1)(b)]

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