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5. Any emails received by or sent from Maree Todd, Neil Gray, Shona Robison and John Swinney's office between 11th November to 14th November regarding the national care service. You can search their inboxes by typing in national care service.

001 – Email Chain RE: Immediate: National Care Service - advice to First Minister on next steps

From: Neil Gray <Neil.Gray@gov.scot>

Sent: 12 November 2024 13:58

To: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Immediate: National Care Service - advice to First Minister on next steps

Noted with thanksz

From: [Redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024

Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:59 AM

To: Neil Gray <Neil.Gray@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Immediate: National Care Service - advice to First Minister on next steps

Sharing FM's comments

From: [Redacted] > **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 12 November 2024 07:56

To: Angie Wood <Angie.Wood@gov.scot>; First Minister <[Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy & Gaelic <[Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Finance & Local Government <[Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[Redacted]>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Ellen Leaver <Ellen.Leaver@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot> >; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; Colin McKnight <Colin.Mcknight@gov.scot>; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; Iain MacAllister <Iain.MacAllister@gov.scot>; Ian Turner <Ian.Turner@gov.scot>; DD Local Adult Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]; Fraser Gough <Fraser.Gough@gov.scot>; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; Iona Colvin <Iona.Colvin@gov.scot>; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; Cabinet Secretariat Inbox <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; Cat Macaulay <Cat.Macaulay@gov.scot>; [Redacted]; Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; Helen Webster <Helen.Webster@gov.scot>; PLU Bill Programme <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Immediate: National Care Service - advice to First Minister on next steps

Good morning Angie,

The First Minister is generally content with the material proposed. Subject to further discussion, the First Minister thinks the best way forward is to announce [Redacted under section 29(1)(a) Formulation or development of Scottish Government policy]

The First Minister is happy for Mr Gray to raise this issue for update under SCANCE at Cabinet this morning.

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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M: [Redacted]

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002 – FW: For FM's Clearance - letter to Health Committee on Stage 2 of NCS Bill

From: [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 13 November 2024 18:56

To: Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[Redacted]>; First Minister <[Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications First Minister <[Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; [Redacted[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; Graham Ellis <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; [Redacted]<[Redacted]>; Angie Wood <Angie.Wood@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: For FM's Clearance - letter to Health Committee on Stage 2 of NCS Bill

Importance: High

[Redacted]

The First Minister is content for this letter to issue tonight.

[Redacted] – grateful if you can provide updated lines for tomorrow’s meeting for FM and Ms Todd please?

Many thanks,

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From: [Redacted]> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024
Sent: 13 November 2024 16:38
To: First Minister <[Redacted]>
Cc: Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[Redacted]>
Subject: For FM's Clearance - letter to Health Committee on Stage 2 of NCS Bill

Hi [Redacted]

As discussed, please find attached the proposed letter for Ms Todd to issue to the Health Committee on the NCS Bill, in relation to Stage 2.

[Attachment removed under section 25(1) Information otherwise accessible as it can be found on [Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport](#)]

The letter has been agreed with Mr Gray and SpAds, and it's proposed that it issue as soon as possible to the Committee, copied to opposition Business Managers, Lib Dems, Alba, and John Mason MSP (Independent).

[Redacted] would be very grateful for the FM's clearance of the letter, and is happy to discuss if helpful.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

M: [Redacted]

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003 - RE: Anne's Law: Briefing for FM/ Ms Todd meeting with Care Home Relatives Scotland - 14 November 2024

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 14 November 2024 10:33

To: First Minister <[Redacted]>; Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications First Minister <[Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Graham Ellis <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>; Deputy Chief Medical Officers <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Anne's Law: Briefing for FM/ Ms Todd meeting with Care Home Relatives Scotland - 14 November 2024

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As per teams we have included the new NCS lines(in red) around the stage 2 extension– in annex D

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Social Care and National Care Service Development Directorate

[Redacted]

I am currently working from home and can be contacted on [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 14 November 2024 10:06

To: First Minister <[Redacted]>; Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications First Minister <[Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Graham Ellis <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>; Deputy Chief Medical Officers <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Anne's Law: Briefing for FM/ Ms Todd meeting with Care Home Relatives Scotland - 14 November 2024

[Redacted]

Please find updated briefing based on CHRS agenda and proposal – all in red. We've:

1. Added CHRS agenda and proposal to annex A
2. Added additional lines, background on CHRS proposal and scenarios of what Anne's Law will look like in practice in Annex C

If necessary Graham Ellis, DCMO, can talk to these scenarios as these have been developed with his input

If you need anything else let me know

ERDM link ; [Redacted]

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Social Care and National Care Service Development Directorate

[Redacted]

I am currently working from home and can be contacted on [Redacted]

From: [Redacted] > **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 13 November 2024 22:17

To: Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; [Redacted]; First Minister <[Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted]; Communications First Minister <[Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [Redacted]; Graham Ellis <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>; Deputy Chief Medical Officers <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Anne's Law: Briefing for FM/ Ms Todd meeting with Care Home Relatives Scotland - 14 November 2024

Many thanks for this Derek.

We've also now received the attached from CHRS – I'll add to the FM's folder for tomorrow, do let me know if any additional briefing is needed in the morning.

Many thanks,

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From: Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>

Sent: 13 November 2024 20:12

To: [Redacted]; First Minister <[Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted]; Communications First Minister <[Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [Redacted]; Graham Ellis <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>; Deputy Chief Medical Officers <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]

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FMPO and MSCMWB PO

Please find attached revised briefing with updated lines on the back of the letter that has been issued to the health and sport committee. I have highlighted the amendments in red and removed one of the existing lines so Ministers can see the changes we have made. With thanks to NCS colleagues for their support in developing these lines.

Derek Grieve CBE

Deputy Director

Social Care Immediate Response and Improvement Division
The Scottish Government

Mobile - [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 12 November 2024 16:10

To: First Minister <[Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications First Minister <[Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; Graham Ellis <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>; Deputy Chief Medical Officers <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Subject: Anne's Law: Briefing for FM/ Ms Todd meeting with Care Home Relatives Scotland - 14 November 2024

PS/ First Minister

PS/ Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport

Please find attached the briefing for your meeting with Care Home Relatives Scotland on 14 November at 13:30-14:15. eRDM link for colleagues:

[Redacted]

It takes account of the latest developments with the NCS and SpAds have reviewed.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Thank you

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Scottish Government | Directorate for Social Care and National Care Service Development | [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 12 November 2024 10:40

To: First Minister <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications First Minister <[Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>;

[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>

Subject: Anne's Law: FM's meeting 14/11

Hi [Redacted]

No concerns from our perspective. [Redacted] has also previously provided a copy of his book to Ms Todd.

Jennie, here is the link to the draft briefing: [Redacted]

Subject to any other matters arising at Cabinet, we'll be updating the briefing today

[Redacted under section 29(1)(a) Formulation or development of Scottish Government policy].

Best wishes

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Scottish Government | Directorate for Social Care and National Care Service Development [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 12 November 2024 09:47

To: [Redacted]>; First Minister <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications First Minister <[Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Holly Gilfether <[Redacted]>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Anne's Law: FM's meeting next week

[Redacted]

We've received the attached from [Redacted], assuming no concerns from your perspective? Grateful if you could add a note to the briefing following later today.

The FM has now fed back on NCS options and Mr Gray is updating at Cabinet this morning - as mentioned grateful if you could sight Jennie on draft briefing and agree handling. Happy to have a call today if helpful let me know.

Many thanks,

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BRIEFING FOR THE FIRST MINISTER

Anne’s Law – Joint Ministerial meeting with Care Home Relatives Scotland (CHRS) and [Redacted]

14 November 2024

Key message	[Redacted]
What	[Redacted]
Why	[Redacted]
Who	[Redacted]
Where	[Redacted]
When	[Redacted]
Likely themes	[Redacted under s30(b) – free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]
Media	[Redacted]

Supporting official	[Redacted]
	[Redacted]
	Jennie Golan, Special Adviser

Attached documents	Annex A	[Redacted]
	Annex B	[Redacted]
	Annex C	[Redacted]
	Annex D	National Care Service, Bill status and top lines
	Annex E	Current wording of Anne's Law provisions in NCS Bill and the amendment to be lodged at Stage 2 of the Bill process
	Annex F	[Redacted]
	Annex G	[Redacted]
	Annex H	[Redacted]

Annex A - [Redacted]

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1	[Redacted]
2	[Redacted]
2	Update on National Care Service (Scotland) Bill – FM/ Minister / Officials
2	Update on Anne’s Law amendments within the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill - FM/ Minister / Officials
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Provisions in the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill

The provisions of Anne’s Law are contained in section 40 of the NCS Bill (**Annex E**). The NCS was chosen as a good fit for Anne’s Law as its design and delivery have human rights embedded and set out that everyone should have access to consistently high-quality care and support.

The original provisions – as were introduced in June 2022 - require Ministers to exercise the power in section 78(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 – power to make regulations to impose requirements on care services – to require care homes to comply with Directions issued by the Scottish Ministers on visits to or by residents of accommodation provided by a care home service. This approach meant that the substance of Anne’s Law (i.e. the ‘rules’ around visiting) would have been set out in the body of the Directions, rather than on the face of the Bill itself.

Since the NCS Bill was published, CHRS have maintained that section 40 does not reflect their interpretation of Anne’s Law.

Amendments

[Redacted under s29(1)(a) Formulation or development of Scottish Government policy]

Legislative route

[Redacted under s29(1)(a) Formulation or development of Scottish Government policy]

Annex D - National Care Service, Bill status and top lines

Background

[Redacted under s30(b) free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

TOP LINES

- Creating the National Care Service is about improving people's lives and ensuring consistency of care across Scotland.
- It is disappointing that COSLA and the Greens have taken the step of withdrawing their support from the NCS. We have worked extensively with them for almost two years. Uppermost in our minds - and I'm sure theirs - is the needs of the people who rely on care services.
- We've made it clear there is space for dialogue and agreement around the provisions in the Bill so that we can address the concerns of the thousands of people who are telling us social care and community health needs to change.
- The Independent Review of Adult Social Care, carried out by Derek Feeley, recommended that we establish a National Care Service underpinned by a human rights-based approach and giving a voice to people with lived experience at every level.
- We remain committed to establishing a National Care Service by the end of this Parliament which can bring about viable and sustainable social care reform.
- But we're not waiting for legislation to take action to improve the social care, community health and social work sector in Scotland. We've introduced Fair Work principles, including prioritising funding to ensure our commissioned social care workforce can be paid at least the real living wage from April 2025.
- And, in recognition of the amazing work our unpaid carers do, we are investing £88.4m per year in local carer support through local authority Carers Act funding, and providing £8m per year for voluntary sector short breaks, including £3.5m via local carer centres.
- Both the UK and Welsh Governments have said they want to introduce a National Care Service, and both have been in touch with us to learn from our approach. Scotland is leading the way in developing strong, equitable and sustainable social care systems for the future.

NATIONAL CARE SERVICE BILL

- The NCS Bill is currently at Stage 2.
- We know that the current system isn't working – we have heard from thousands of people across Scotland who are telling us the same.
- Our discussions with stakeholders and people with lived experience have helped to shape the plans for the NCS.
- Co-designing policies with those who deliver or receive services has been a key principle of the NCS Bill.
- We have worked closely with stakeholders as part of that. For example, the Expert Legislative Advisory Group helped with the development of various Stage 2 amendments.

Annex E - Current wording of Anne's Law provisions in NCS Bill and

[Redacted]

Section 40 – Current wording

Care homes

Section 40: Visits to or by care home residents

(1) The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 is modified as follows.

(2) In section 78 (regulations: care services), after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) The Scottish Ministers must exercise the power under subsection (2) to require providers of care home services to comply with any direction (“visiting direction”) issued by the Ministers about either or both of—

- (a) visits to residents of accommodation provided by a care home service,
- (b) visits by residents of accommodation provided by a care home service.

(2B) The Scottish Ministers—

(a) must, before issuing a visiting direction, consult Public Health Scotland and any other person the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate,

(b) may vary or revoke a visiting direction.”.

[Redacted]

[Redacted under s29(1)(a) Formulation or development of Scottish Government policy]

Annex F - [Redacted]

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004 - Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124

From: [Redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024

Sent: 13 November 2024 19:07

To: Health, Social Care and Sport <[Redacted]>

Cc: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>;

PresidingOfficers@parliament.scot; Business.Team@parliament.scot;

Alexander.Burnett.msp@parliament.scot; Gillian.Mackay.msp@parliament.scot;

Martin.Whitfield.msp@parliament.scot; Alex.Cole-Hamilton.msp@parliament.scot;

Ash.Regan.msp@parliament.scot; John.Mason.msp@parliament.scot; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[Redacted]>

Subject: Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124

Good evening,

Please find attached correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport to the HSCS Committee.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport – Maree Todd MSP

[Redacted]

E-mail: [Redacted]

005 – For clearance: NCS Bill Stage 2 Extension Tweets

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 14 November 2024 15:19

To: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Subject: For clearance: NCS Bill Stage 2 Extension Tweets

PS / Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport

Good afternoon,

Please see below tweets for review and clearance on the NCS Bill Stage 2 extension which link to the Minister's letter to committee. We would be grateful if you can confirm you are content for these to issue this afternoon or if any changes are required. Many thanks.

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Directorate for Social Care and National Care Service Development

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006 – Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124

From: [Redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024

Sent: 13 November 2024 19:09

To: Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>

Subject: FW: Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124

Hi folks,

Please find attached the letter issued this evening on the National Care Service. Grateful if this could be stored on eRDM and cascaded to colleagues as required.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport – Maree Todd MSP

Scottish Government, St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

E-mail: [Redacted]

Mobile: [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024

Sent: 13 November 2024 20:28

To: Maree Todd <Maree.Todd@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Subject: FW: Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124

For consideration.

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From: JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>

Sent: 13 November 2024 20:25

To: Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124

PO/Minister

I think Ms Todd will want to issue some proactive communications to stakeholders tomorrow. We have drafted proposed text for this – attached above. It would be helpful to get Ms Todd's view on this early on Thursday.

[Redacted under s30(b) – free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

Many thanks

John Paul

John Paul Liddle | Deputy Director – National Care Service Development and Delivery | Directorate for Social Care and National Care Service Development | [Redacted] | johnpaul.liddle@gov.scot |

Pronouns: he / him / his

From: [Redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Communications Health and Social Care
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 8:18 PM
To: JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>
Subject: RE: Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124

Copying in myself as duty comms officer

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Desk: [Redacted]

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From: JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>
Sent: 13 November 2024 19:13
To: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>
Subject: RE: Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124
Importance: High

Thanks [Redacted]

A few immediate things that I thought it would be helpful to note:

[Redacted under s30(b) – free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

JP

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007 - Attachment

[Redacted under s30(b) – free and frank provision of advice or exchange of views]

008 – Jackie Baillie call

From: [Redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024
Sent: 13 November 2024 16:14
To: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>
Subject: FW: Jackie Baillie call
Importance: High

Hi [Redacted] – grateful if you can share this with Ms Todd please for her info/awareness also.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Email: [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024
Sent: 13 November 2024 08:18
To: Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Jackie Baillie call
Importance: High

Jennie

To see below from Cab Sec.

Are you okay for us to share this with finance and NCS colleagues so we have it recorded as per Cab Secs ask?

thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: Neil Gray <Neil.Gray@gov.scot>

Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:26 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Subject: FW: Jackie Baillie call

[Redacted under s.29(1)(d) Operation of any Ministerial private office]

From: Neil Gray

Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 10:25 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Subject: Jackie Baillie call

Good evening,

I wanted to register the fact that yesterday afternoon I took a telephone call from Jackie Baillie, ostensibly about National Care Service, [Redacted - out of scope].

[Redacted under s.30(b)(ii) Free and frank exchange of views]

She then raised the NCS service, [Redacted under s.30(b)(ii) Free and frank exchange of views].

[Redacted under s.30(b)(ii) Free and frank exchange of views].

Many thanks

Neil

009 – Ministerial Statement Request

From: [Redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024

Sent: 14 November 2024 11:33

To: First Minister FMQs <[Redacted]>

Cc: First Minister <[Redacted]>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <v[Redacted]>

Subject: FW: Ministerial Statement Request

Hi Folks

To be aware of the below statement request from the Conservative Party on the National Care Service, on the back of the attached letter issued to the Health Committee last night.

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

M: [Redacted] E: [Redacted]

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From: Carlaw L (Lawrie) <Lawrie.Carlaw@parliament.scot>

Sent: 14 November 2024 11:09

To: Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>

Cc: Whitfield M (Martin), MSP <Martin.Whitfield.MSP@Parliament.scot>; Mackay G (Gillian), MSP <Gillian.Mackay.MSP@Parliament.scot>; Presiding Officers <PresidingOfficers@parliament.scot>; Burnett A (Alexander), MSP <Alexander.Burnett.msp@parliament.scot>; Business Team <Business.Team@parliament.scot>

Subject: Ministerial Statement Request

Dear Minister and team,

Alex would like to pass on a statement request for next week from Sandesh Gulhane on the news reports that the Scottish Government will be dropping the National Care Service aspect from the National Care Service Bill.

Given the general principles have already been agreed, we are confused as to how the Bill will be allowed to go on with these principles being amended out.

Mr Gulhane would appreciate a statement outlining whether these reports are true, how the bill is intended to look after the changes are made and whether the bill should be scrapped given the general principles may be removed and the costs associated with developing the bill so far.

Best regards,

Lawrie Carlaw

Head of Parliamentary Business

Whips Office | Alexander Burnett MSP

0131 34 **85644** | 07730 035 405

010 – NCS Agenda Meeting (Unison)

From: [Redacted]> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024

Sent: 14 November 2024 10:47

To: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Cc: JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Subject: FW: NCS Agenda Meeting (Unison)

Morning All,

Seeking further advice on the request below from Unison for a meeting on NCS given the developments over the last day or so and have widened the copy list. Please include others if necessary!

For those who have not had sight we received feed back on the meeting from both Ms Todd and Mr Gray as follows last week:

Mr Gray

[Redacted under s.30(b)(ii) Free and frank exchange of views].

Ms Todd

[Redacted under s.30(b)(ii) Free and frank exchange of views].

[Redacted] has kindly supported in responding to Unison and with a slight edit from PO we have drafted the following:

[Redacted under s.30(b)(ii) Free and frank exchange of views].

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]>

Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 1:09 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Subject: RE: NCS Agenda

Hello

Further to below can we take forward the meeting with UNISON on NCS.

Best wishes

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

UNISON Scotland

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 30 October 2024 10:24

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Subject: FW: NCS Agenda

Hello

UNISON very much welcomes the offer to meet the Cabinet Secretary on NCS. Can you give an indication of how best to proceed? It would be good we believe for the Cabinet Secretary to hear from a small range of UNISON voices in a meeting encompassing our members in health, local government and voluntary/private social care. However, if a tighter,, in terms of attendance meeting is preferred we will work to that. It is probably best if you suggest a date or two and we will respond to those.

Once again, we welcome the offer to meet.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

UNISON Scotland

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 29 October 2024 14:12

To: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Subject: FW: NCS Agenda

See attached response from Cabinet Secretary.

[Redacted]

+: UNISON House, 14 West Campbell Street, Glasgow G2 6RX

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From: [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** [Redacted]
Sent: 08 October 2024 10:25
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Neil Gray <neil.gray.msp@parliament.scot>
Subject: NCS Agenda

Dear Cabinet Secretary

UNISON's opposition to the National Care Service Bill, which is long standing, were reiterated in our submission and evidence session on 24th September to the Committee.

I have heard that you intend to arrange meetings with Cosla following their decision to withdraw support on 27th of September. I have not yet heard of any indication of a meeting with UNISON, the largest representative of the health and social care workforce. I am therefore writing to ask that you meet with UNISON Scotland to discuss a way forward for social care and how to achieve a National Care Service. We believe we have much to contribute to a positive route to a National Care Service that enjoys the trust and confidence of a broad range of partners, including workers who provide the care and their unions. Our APSE Report summary and full clearly shows the basis of a way forward.

I look forward to hearing from you on an early meeting.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

011 – Urgent: NCS Bill - PQ re proceeding with NCS

From: [Redacted]> On Behalf Of Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024

Sent: 12 November 2024 14:48

To: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Angie Wood <Angie.Wood@gov.scot>; DD Local Adult Social Care <[Redacted]>; Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; Iain MacAllister <Iain.MacAllister@gov.scot>; Ian Turner <Ian.Turner@gov.scot>; Iona Colvin <Iona.Colvin@gov.scot>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Rachael McGruer <rachael.mcgruer@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Tim Mcdonnell <Tim.Mcdonnell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Urgent: NCS Bill - PQ re proceeding with NCS

Hi folks,

For the chain's awareness, the written PQ below has now been cleared and will issue imminently as the response date is by COP today.

Question Text: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on whether it plans to proceed with its National Care Service plans. - Jamie Greene MSP

[Redacted under section 25(1) Information otherwise accessible as it can be found on [Written question and answer: S6W-30933 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)]

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]> On Behalf Of Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024

Sent: 11 November 2024 13:46

To: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Angie Wood <Angie.Wood@gov.scot>; DD Local Adult Social Care <[Redacted]>; Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; Iain MacAllister <Iain.MacAllister@gov.scot>; Ian Turner <Ian.Turner@gov.scot>; Iona Colvin <Iona.Colvin@gov.scot>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Rachael McGruer <rachael.mcgruer@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Tim McDonnell <Tim.Mcdonnell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Urgent: NCS Bill - PQ re proceeding with NCS

Hi folks,

Ms Todd is in agreement with Cab Sec [Redacted under s.30(b)(ii) Free and frank exchange of views].

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]> On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024

Sent: 11 November 2024 13:29

To: [Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Angie Wood <Angie.Wood@gov.scot>; DD Local Adult Social Care <[Redacted]>; Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; Iain MacAllister <Iain.MacAllister@gov.scot>; Ian Turner <Ian.Turner@gov.scot>; Iona Colvin <Iona.Colvin@gov.scot>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Rachael McGruer <rachael.mcgruer@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Tim McDonnell <Tim.Mcdonnell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Urgent: NCS Bill - PQ re proceeding with NCS

Hi folks,

Mr Gray thinks we should respond as follows:

Jamie Greene MSP: Question Text: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on whether it plans to proceed with its National Care Service plans.

Draft PQ answer: [Redacted under section 30(b)(i) Free and frank provision of advice]

Regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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E: [Redacted]

M: [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 5:44 PM

To: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Angie Wood <Angie.Wood@gov.scot>; DD Local Adult Social Care <[Redacted]>; Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; Iain MacAllister <Iain.MacAllister@gov.scot>; Ian Turner <Ian.Turner@gov.scot>; Iona Colvin <Iona.Colvin@gov.scot>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Rachael McGruer <rachael.mcgruer@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Tim McDonnell <Tim.Mcdonnell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>

Subject: Urgent: NCS Bill - PQ re proceeding with NCS

[Redacted]

As discussed, please find attached a draft answer to a written PQ, which is being sent by email to facilitate wider views before going on the PQ tracker system.

[Redacted under section 29(1)(a) Formulation or development of Scottish Government policy], it would be helpful to have views on the PQ answer from Spads as well as from the Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport please, and by 11 November at the latest to facilitate the Parliament deadline of 12 November.

Written PQ:

Jamie Greene MSP: Question Text: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on whether it plans to proceed with its National Care Service plans.

Draft PQ answer: [Redacted under section 30(b)(i) Free and frank provision of advice]

[Redacted under section 30(b)(ii) Free and frank exchange of views].

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

012 – General supplementary questions - 14 Nov 24

From: Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>

Sent: 13 November 2024 15:47

To: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; Minister for Public Health and Women's Health <[Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Subject: General supplementary questions - 14 Nov 24

[Redacted out of scope]

Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what further policy changes it plans to bring forward to address reported concerns regarding the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill. A ([S6O-03968](#))

David Torrance: A strong workforce is vital in the delivery of high-quality social care, which is why a key part of the NCS is improving working conditions for carers. Alarming, over the last few weeks we will all have heard loudly and clearly the concerns of stakeholders, such as the Coalition of Care Providers, about the UK Labour Government's plans to increase employer NICs, which they have said could be "catastrophic" for many voluntary sector social care providers. Can the Cab Sec/Minister provide any update on the estimated impact of UK Government's increase on NICs will have on the care sector in Scotland?

[Redacted out of scope]

013 - NCS Letter

From: [Redacted]> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024

Sent: 13 November 2024 17:33

To: Maree Todd <Maree.Todd@gov.scot>

Cc: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Subject: NCS Letter

[Redacted under section 29(1)(d) Operation of any Ministerial private office]

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 12 November 2024 08:43

To: NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; First Minister FMQs <[Redacted]>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; DD Local Adult Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Subject: NCS Related News: 12/11/2024

Good Morning,

Please see NCS Related news for today:

Online:

- [Redacted – out of scope]
 - “£30m on a National Care Service which nobody wants”

If you require access to articles please contact the SG Library: Accessing journals and newspapers (sharepoint.com)

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 11 November 2024 09:23

To: [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; First Minister FMQs <[Redacted]>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; DD Local Adult Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Subject: NCS Related News: 11/11/2024

Good Morning,

Please see NCS related news from the weekend:

Online:

- [Redacted -Out of scope]

“Alex Cole-Hamilton has also said he would not support the Scottish Budget if it includes the National Care Service Bill, adding “there are still big gaps and barriers to us coming on board”

- [Redacted – Out of scope]

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017 – NCS SCANCE note for Cabinet

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 11 November 2024 17:33

To: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretariat
Inbox <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Donna Bell
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[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>;
[Redacted]>

Subject: NCS SCANCE note for Cabinet

Good afternoon PO

[Redacted under section 29(1)(d) Operation of any Ministerial private office]

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

018 – OFFICIAL: letter from Maree Todd on Stage 2 NCS

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 14 November 2024 15:21

To: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Cat Macaulay <Cat.Macaulay@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Subject: OFFICIAL: letter from Maree Todd on Stage 2 NCS

Good Afternoon Private Office,

Please see attached the edited letter that was sent to stakeholders with Lived Experience on the NCS Stage 2 delay in Ms Todd's name, as per your earlier conversation with JohnPaul.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Best,

[Redacted]

019 – Bids for consideration - Ms Todd- NCS - ITV Border/Drivetime

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 14 November 2024 15:53

To: [Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Bids for consideration - Ms Todd- NCS - ITV Border/Drivetime

Hi [Redacted],

Please see attached some media lines prepared for Ms Todd.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 3:43 PM

To: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Communications Health and Social Care [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 [Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Bids for consideration - Ms Todd- NCS - ITV Border/Drivetime

Thank you [Redacted], [Redacted] will be there to support from a comms perspective.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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The Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh
Mobile: [Redacted] | Portfolio Media inquiries: [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024

Sent: 14 November 2024 15:36

To: [Redacted] >; [Redacted] >; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted] >; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; [Redacted] >; [Redacted] >; [Redacted] >; [Redacted] >; [Redacted] >; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted] >; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted] >; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Bids for consideration - Ms Todd- NCS - ITV Border/Drivetime

Hi folks,

Ms Todd is content to accept ITV Border (16:00, Garden Lobby) and Drivetime (16:20, Garden Lobby or Whatsapp). Ms Todd **cannot** be flexible on timing for drivetime due to the requirement to vote. We will require comms support.

I believe we're still awaiting a SpAd view on GMS so I'll hold off on response for that.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport – Maree Todd MSP

Scottish Government, St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

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From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 14 November 2024 14:41

To: [Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Subject: Bids for consideration - Ms Todd- NCS - ITV Border/Drivetime

GMS have put in a bid too, details below, thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | **Scottish Government** | [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 14 November 2024 13:42

To: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Subject: Bids for consideration - Ms Todd- NCS - ITV Border/Drivetime

Hi PO,

We have had two interview bids to speak to Ms Todd about today's developments on the NCS Bill timetable.

Grateful for the minister's views on the following. Comms would recommend accept if possible.

WHO	OUTLET	TIME	LIVE/PRE-REC	INTERVIEWER	TOPICS	Recommendation	Other details (if required)
Ms Todd	ITV Border	TBC	Pre-rec, but likely recorded 'as live'	[Redacted]	NCS delay	Accept	Garden lobby
Ms Todd	Drivetime	17:00	Live	[Redacted]	NCS delay	Accept	'We can connect via facetime/ WhatsApp/ skype audio or Holyrood studio' Happy to have them join us in a studio, but failing that, we can use FaceTime, WhatsApp, Zoom, Skype etc.
Ms Todd	BBC GMS	08:05	Live		NCS delay	Accept	
or Cab Sec							

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

019 – attachment

NCS Media Bid Lines

Correct as of 14.11.2024

[Redacted under section 30(b)(i) Free and frank provision of advice]

020 – Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 14 November 2024 10:23

To: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124

[Redacted]

Revised answer for the oral PQ today to reflect the letter:

[Redacted under section 30(b)(i) Free and frank provision of advice]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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021 – Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 14 November 2024 10:24

To: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>

Subject: RE: Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124

Hi [Redacted],

[Redacted under section 30(b)(i) Free and frank provision of advice]

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

022 – Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: 14 November 2024 10:34

To: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Donna Bell <Donna.Bell@gov.scot>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; First Minister FMQs <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; David Hutchison <David.Hutchison@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Colin McAllister <Colin.McAllister@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Correspondence from Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport - NCS Stage 2 - 131124

To update, we have now started receiving media queries on this. [Redacted under section 30(b)(i) Free and frank provision of advice]

We will handle these separately, just raising here for awareness.

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

023 – For FM's Clearance - letter to Health Committee on Stage 2 of NCS Bill

From: [Redacted]> **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 13 November 2024 19:52

To: [Redacted]>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications First Minister <[Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; Graham Ellis <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>; Angie Wood <Angie.Wood@gov.scot>; First Minister FMQs <[Redacted]>

Subject: Re: For FM's Clearance - letter to Health Committee on Stage 2 of NCS Bill

[Redacted],

No problem re tomorrow morning. I understand FMQ lines will also be prepared for the morning.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]>

Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 7:17 pm

To: First Minister <[Redacted]>; Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications First Minister <[Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; Graham Ellis <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>; Angie Wood <Angie.Wood@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: For FM's Clearance - letter to Health Committee on Stage 2 of NCS Bill

Hi [Redacted]

We'll come back with updated lines tomorrow first thing. We'll work with the NCS team to do this.

Is that ok timescale wise?

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] > **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 13 November 2024 18:56

To: Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[Redacted]>; First Minister <[Redacted]>; Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>

Cc: [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Communications First Minister <[Redacted]>; Communications Health and Social Care <[Redacted]>; JohnPaul Liddle <JohnPaul.Liddle@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; NCS Communications <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jennie Gollan <Jennie.Gollan@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Derek Grieve <Derek.Grieve@gov.scot>; Graham Ellis <Graham.Ellis@gov.scot>; <[Redacted]>; [Redacted]>; Jeanette Campbell <Jeanette.Campbell@gov.scot>; [Redacted]>; Ross Ingebrigtsen <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>; Jack Middleton <Jack.Middleton@gov.scot>; DG Health & Social Care <[Redacted]>; Angie Wood <Angie.Wood@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: For FM's Clearance - letter to Health Committee on Stage 2 of NCS Bill

Importance: High

[Redacted], [Redacted]

The First Minister is content for this letter to issue tonight.

[Redacted]/ [Redacted] – grateful if you can provide updated lines for tomorrow's meeting for FM and Ms Todd please?

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024

Sent: 13 November 2024 16:38

To: First Minister <[Redacted]>

Cc: Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <[Redacted]>

Subject: For FM's Clearance - letter to Health Committee on Stage 2 of NCS Bill

Hi [Redacted]

As discussed, please find attached the proposed letter for Ms Todd to issue to the Health Committee on the NCS Bill, in relation to Stage 2.

The letter has been agreed with Mr Gray and SpAds, and it's proposed that it issue as soon as possible to the Committee, copied to opposition Business Managers, Lib Dems, Alba, and John Mason MSP (Independent).

Mr Hepburn would be very grateful for the FM's clearance of the letter, and is happy to discuss if helpful.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

024 – NCS Agenda

From: [Redacted]> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024
Sent: 11 November 2024 16:39
To: [Redacted]>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>
Cc: Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport 2024 <[Redacted]>
Subject: RE: NCS Agenda

Thanks [Redacted]. I have sent to cab sec for clearance. I have copied in Ms Todds PO for sight/clearance too.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2024 11:43 AM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <[Redacted]>
Subject: RE: NCS Agenda

Hi [Redacted],

[Redacted under section 30(b)(i) Free and frank provision of advice]

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

- “At First Minister Questions on Thursday Mr Swinney hit back at Scottish Labour leader Anas Sarwar who highlighted how much money the SNP have wasted in the last few years. [He pointed to the £28m spend on the now shelved National Care Service](#) as he said that could have "funded one million of hours of care at home - instead, we have had years of chaos, delay, incompetence, and waste.”
- COSLA: [COSLA Responds to National Care Service Announcement | COSLA](#)
- Third Force News: [National Care Service scrapped by Scottish Government - TFN](#)
- The ALLIANCE: [ALLIANCE responds to further National Care Service Bill delay - Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland \(alliance-scotland.org.uk\)](#)
- BBC News: [BBC Scotland News on X: "Neil Gray insists commitment to National Care Service https://t.co/JSr8AA2ydY" / X](#)

Social Media:

- [The National on X: "NEW: John Swinney slammed the Scottish Tories over "rank hypocrisy" at FMQs. The First Minister was being questioned over plans for the National Care Service being put on hold https://t.co/SNU419r7bw" / X](#)
- [SIBC on X: "The Scottish government has given way to increasing pressure and delayed, but not cancelled, plans for a National Care Service. August 2021, the Shetland Islands Council was the first to write to the Scottish government over concerns about plans for a national care service." / X](#)
- [Holyrood magazine on X: "First Minister John Swinney insists his is a "listening government" as plans for a National Care Service are delayed. #FMQs https://t.co/D1zi0cyE6H" / X](#)
- [The Reid Foundation on X: "Scottish Government scraps flagship National Care Service plan. STUC, "The Bill, as it stands, was deeply flawed and had lost the confidence of workers and other sector partners. It does nothing to address the key weaknesses within the current system." https://t.co/Tc71SObtEA" / X](#)
- [Scottish Women's Budget Group on X: "As news comes out of a delay to the National Care Service Bill, what cannot wait is investment in care. Our response: https://t.co/XLEWyyed0l https://t.co/rRBmMQoiwB" / X](#)
- [STV News on X: "John Swinney was pressed on the Scottish Government's National Care Service plans following FMQs. https://t.co/oGY4IAKJ6k https://t.co/3tAS6Y2dyV" / X](#)
- [STV News on X: "Lunchtime news: Nov 14, Plans for National Care Service are scrapped https://t.co/oGY4IAKJ6k https://t.co/Qhk8ZxAKxO" / X](#)
- [The Herald on X: "'It is correct that they have, albeit belatedly, listened to the voices around the table' Scottish Government scraps flagship National Care Service plan https://t.co/0RhkdIW4pU https://t.co/H2XdeSpLM5" / X](#)
- [COSLA on X: "COSLA's Health and Social Care Spokesperson, @cllrpaulkelly has commented on news reported today regarding the National Care Service Bill. Read the full comment: https://t.co/el8mFTBVd1" / X](#)

- [The ALLIANCE on X: "We have responded to further delay to the National Care Service Bill. Read the our Chief Officer @redmond_kidd's full statement here: https://t.co/t2HlrfEwpZ" / X](https://t.co/t2HlrfEwpZ)

Kind Regards,

[Redacted] | [Redacted] | National Care Service Division

Good Afternoon,

Please see below updated NCS related news as of 12:50pm today. This chain will be updated periodically.

Online:

- Holyrood Magazine: [National Care Service plan shelved by Scottish Government \(holyrood.com\)](http://holyrood.com)
- STV News: [John Swinney to face FMQs after plan for National Care Service abandoned | STV News](#)
- The Scotsman: [Scottish Government's National Care Service plans suffer further blow with latest delay \(scotsman.com\)](http://scotsman.com)
- The Sun: [SNP government scraps flagship National Care Service plan after £28million spent on doomed proposals | The Scottish Sun](#)
- BBC News: [John Swinney is quizzed by opposition party leaders during FMQs - BBC News](#)
- STUC - [Scrapping of National Care Service Bill a victory for workers | Newsroom | STUC](#)

Social Media:

- [Holyrood magazine on X: "The Scottish Government has shelved plans to create a National Care Service following significant opposition https://t.co/D1zj0cyE6H" / X](https://t.co/D1zj0cyE6H)
- [STV News on X: "WATCH: John Swinney to face FMQs after plan for National Care Service abandoned. https://t.co/4IA5MVsshE" / X](https://t.co/4IA5MVsshE)
- [Jackie Baillie on X: "The National Care Service bill is directionless, unworkable & has been criticised by experts as "policy making on the hoof". The Cabinet Secretary should stop wasting tax payer's money and parliament's time on the bill & focus attention on fixing the crisis in social care now. https://t.co/AEY1Pd9oC3" / X](https://t.co/AEY1Pd9oC3)
- [Dr Sandesh Gulhane MSP on X: "The SNP wasted £30 million of taxpayers' money on their National Care Service that was doomed from the start. Now they finally appear to have ditched it. When will John Swinney confirm that money will go to local care services that are in crisis on the SNP's watch?" / X](#)

- [Holyrood magazine on X: "Tory leader @RussellFindlay1: "Neil Gray seems more interested in football freebies than doing the job that he's paid for. "Scotland's NHS is in crisis and social care is broken. For years, we've said the SNP's National Care Service plans were a complete mess."#FMQs https://t.co/B1j5rPWIC5" / X](#)
- [Holyrood magazine on X: "First Minister John Swinney: "On the issue of the National Care Service, I've made it very clear that the government is listening. My government is a listening government." #FMQs https://t.co/OpEVUTzVzX" / X](#)
- [BBC Scotland News on X: "Scottish Labour leader Anas Sarwar says while ScotGov has been fighting for a "failed" care service plan, families want basic reforms FM John Swinney says he is concerned about the impact of National Insurance rises on care providers #FMQs live: https://t.co/TumLT4AQ25 https://t.co/AZH65tCJ5N" / X](#)
- [Holyrood magazine on X: "Scottish Labour leader @AnasSarwar says plans for the National Care Service are nothing more than "an expensive power grab". "So far, around £30m has been wasted due to SNP incompetence - that could have funded one million hours of care at home." #FMQs https://t.co/vTHfZDWJBv" / X](#)
- [Holyrood magazine on X: "First Minister John Swinney: "I accept there is a lot of opposition to the National Care Service...that is why the government is taking time to engage substantively..." #FMQs https://t.co/NrSqC4g4Hs" / X](#)
- [Holyrood magazine on X: "Scottish Labour's @AnasSarwar: "Our care system is fundamentally broken." "After years of chaos, waste and incompetence, will John Swinney finally ditch his discredited \[National Care Service\] plan?" #FMQs https://t.co/DsXpuxZ2Zw" / X](#)
- [The National on X: "NEW: John Swinney slammed Tory "rank hypocrisy" at FMQs as he was questioned over the Social Care Service being put on hold 🗣️ https://t.co/OS4eBxf8NL" / X](#)
- [BBC Scotland News on X: "Scottish Lib Dem leader Alex Cole-Hamilton says SNP has wasted £30m on social care plans and stresses importance of family carers FM John Swinney says the government will engage with discussions around family carers in relation to the budget #FMQs: https://t.co/TumLT4AQ25 https://t.co/QL5Eqjmylw" / X](#)

Kind Regards,

[Redacted] | [Redacted] | **National Care Service Division**

Good Morning all,

Please see below updated NCS related news as of 11:15am today. This chain will be updated periodically through out the day.

Online:

- [The Herald: **Scottish Government scraps flagship National Care Service plan | The Herald \(heraldscotland.com\)**](#)

- STV: [Scottish Government scraps National Care Service plan | STV News](#)
- The Scotsman: [Scottish Government scraps flagship National Care Service plan \(scotsman.com\)](#)
- The Daily Record: [SNP Government scraps National Care Service plan after councils and trade unions withdraw support - Daily Record](#)
- Scottish Daily Express: [SNP Government in humiliating u-turn as it ditches national care service plan but not before spending £28m on it - Scottish Daily Express](#)
- BBC News: [National Care Service plan 'delayed not scrapped' - BBC News](#)

Social Media:

- [Holyrood magazine on X: "Social care minister Maree Todd says the Scottish Government "remains committed to the plans for a National Care Service". <https://t.co/gWBNIENw15>" / X](#)
- [The Herald Politics on X: "Scottish Government scraps flagship National Care Service plan <https://t.co/WsdR8a3W5Z>" / X](#)
- [Holyrood magazine on X: "BREAKING: The Scottish Government says the National Care Service Bill will not progress to the next stage of parliamentary scrutiny later this month, as was planned. <https://t.co/MAS3aeleLY>" / X](#)
- [Scottish Express on X: "Breaking news: SNP Government in humiliating u-turn as it ditches national care service plan <https://t.co/VmGfXJTxAZ>" / X](#)
- [The Scotsman on X: "🔴 Breaking: Scottish Government scraps flagship National Care Service plan, via @alistairgrant <https://t.co/bo9wBOpiZl>" / X](#)
- [The Daily Record on X: "SNP Government scraps National Care Service plan after councils and trade unions withdraw support <https://t.co/VqC7fDZh0M> <https://t.co/VqC7fDZh0M>" / X](#)
- [STV News on X: "Scottish Government scraps National Care Service plan. <https://t.co/9C23sMUgVI>" / X](#)
- [STUC on X: "🗣️The scrapping of the National Care Service Bill represents a victory for workers. Full statement: <https://t.co/uZkFuXtwwS>" / X](#)

Kind Regards,

[Redacted] | [Redacted] | **National Care Service Division**

Good Morning,

Please see NCS related news for today below:

- The Herald: [Letters: Prisoners are citizens too. Why can't most of them vote? | The Herald \(heraldscotland.com\)](#)

- “They may have elderly parents who could be affected by the proposed National Care Service”

Please see NCS related news from the past week below:

Print:

- 13/11 - The Press and Journal (Inverness, Highlands & Islands) 12 Cost of free personal and nursing care in Scotland tops £900m The cost for providing free personal and nursing care has increased to more £900 million, new figures from the Scottish Government revealed. Together, the estimated cost to councils of providing free personal and nursing care amounted to £915.21 million. The costs were revealed as the Scottish Government faces difficulties as it seeks to introduce a National Care Service. Scottish Government

Online:

- The Scotsman: [There’s a real danger that SNP’s Budget will not pass - Steven Blane \(scotsman.com\)](#)
 - “Other parties such as the Liberal Democrats could offer support, this too is far from assured, particularly if the price of their backing were the withdrawal of funding for the SNP’s flagship National Care Service, which the Scottish [Government](#) remains firmly committed to.”
- Scottish Daily Express [John Swinney told to forget support for budget if a penny is spent on independence - Scottish Daily Express](#)
 - “Alex Cole-Hamilton has also said he would not support the Scottish Budget if it includes the National Care Service Bill, adding “there are still big gaps and barriers to us coming on board”
- The Herald [Lib Dems would refuse to back Scottish budget with Indy spending | The Herald \(heraldscotland.com\)](#)
- Glasgow Times [SNP’s ‘free stuff’ is costing lowest earners too much | Glasgow Times](#)
 - “£30m on a National Care Service which nobody wants”
- Ireland Live: [Cost of free personal and nursing care in Scotland tops £900m - Ireland Live \(ireland-live.ie\)](#)

If you require access to articles please contact the SG Library: [Accessing journals and newspapers \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]