

“All correspondence, memos, briefings and/or reports sent and received by the Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Neil Gray, between **September 12, 2025 and September 17, 2025** that address, or relate to, the evacuation of ill children and their families from Gaza to Scotland for medical treatment.”

## Document 01

17 Sept - Support for Gazan medical evacuation - 11 September update

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**Sent:** 17 September 2025 10:20

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**Subject:** RE: Support for Gazan medical evacuation - 16 September update

PS/Ministers

We have received the following updates on patients and families:

**[out of scope]**

**[out of scope]**

**Cohort 2 update** – a total of 87 people have so far been approved for travel out of Gaza on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>. Arrival date is still expected to be 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We expect to receive final confirmation tomorrow of numbers being allocated to Scotland.

**[s.29(1)(a) Formulation or development of Scottish Government policy]**

Regards

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**Sent:** 16 September 2025 07:52

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**Subject:** RE: Support for Gazan medical evacuation - 15 September update

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Thank you for this update which Mr Gray noted for his part.

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**Sent:** 12 September 2025 08:01

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Thanks

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## **Document 02**

15 Sept - Reactive lines to clear - Gazan patients arriving in UK

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**Subject:** RE: For clearance - SG statement on Gaza medevac

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PO

We expect the UK Government to issue a news release on the Medevac scheme around 1730 this evening. We have not yet had sight. Following that we plan to issue a line to Scottish media, I'd be grateful for Mr Gray's views on the statement below please.

Health Secretary Neil Gray said:

"I am pleased to confirm that the first two patients and their families have now arrived in Scotland where they will receive treatment. Scotland has been pushing the UK Government to do more, and it is welcome they have worked with partners to ensure the first group of Gazan child patients and their families arrived safely.

"We have committed to supporting the treatment of up to 20 children and we expect further arrivals within the coming weeks. This initial support is a small step towards restoring some humanity to the catastrophic situation in Gaza as a result of the Israeli Government's actions.

"We have been working closely with the health boards that will be treating patients and local authorities that will accommodate their families to ensure they will have somewhere to live and receive the essential support they need. This is a sensitive process - clearly these child arrivals from Gaza will have complex care needs and their safety and wellbeing are our top priority. It is important these families are afforded with the privacy and support they need and we will not be releasing any other information about the patients.

"No-one should have to suffer the deep trauma and horrendous conditions these children and their families have been living in, and it is right that Scotland welcomes these children and their families."

END

**Line on treatment – if asked:**

"Children will be treated in a hospital in Scotland that has been assessed as suitable for managing the needs of those arriving, based on available capacity within the NHS. We will not be releasing any other patient sensitive information at this time and the privacy of these families must be respected as the children arriving rest and recover."

Thanks

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Please proceed with [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party] changes to go to Cab Sec as below (I have just changed delighted to pleased).

Thanks,

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Health Secretary Neil Gray said:

“I am pleased that the UK Government has worked with partners to ensure the first group of Gazan child patients and their families arrived safely. Two patients and their families have now arrived in Scotland where they will receive treatment.

“We have committed to supporting the treatment of up to 20 children, and this initial support is a small step towards restoring some humanity to the catastrophic situation in Gaza as a result of the Israeli Government’s actions.

“We have worked closely with relevant health boards and local authorities to ensure the families receive the essential support they need. No-one should have to suffer such deep trauma and horrendous conditions, and it is right that Scotland welcomes these children and their families.”

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Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]- keen for comms [redacted - s.30(b)(ii) Free and frank exchange of views] [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]

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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party] , comms team,

[redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party] [redacted - s.30(b)(ii) Free and frank exchange of views] We haven't seen the statement but I've requested that they share it with [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party] . The patients and their families arrived in the UK this morning, we had confirmation that the family for [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party] has arrived at their final [redacted - s.30(b)(ii) Free and frank exchange of views]

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Equalities, Inclusion & Human Rights Directorate

**From:** [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024

**Sent:** 12 September 2025 15:42

**To:** [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <CabSecHSC@gov.scot>

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**Subject:** Reactive lines to clear - Gazan patients arriving in UK

PO,

Please see the below reactive statement we have prepared in case we are approached over the weekend on the first Gazan children arriving in the UK for treatment.

We have also prepared two 'if asked' lines, in addition to the general statement, on specifics of treatment and the number of children arriving in Scotland.

[redacted - s.28(1) Relations within the UK]

Is the Cab Sec content?

Health Secretary Neil Gray said:

“Scotland has been pushing the UK Government to do more, and it is welcome they have worked with partners to ensure the first group of Gazan child patients and their families arrive safely.

“We have committed to supporting the treatment of up to 20 children. This initial support is a small step towards restoring some humanity to the catastrophic situation in Gaza as a result of the Israeli Government’s actions.

“We have been working closely with the health boards that will be treating patients and local authorities that will accommodate their families to ensure they will have somewhere to live and receive the essential support they need. This is a sensitive process - clearly these child arrivals from Gaza will have complex care needs and their safety and wellbeing are our top priority. It is important these families are afforded with the privacy and support they need.

“No-one should have to suffer the deep trauma and horrendous conditions these children and their families have been living in, and it is right that Scotland welcomes these children and their families.”

**Line on treatment – if asked:**

“Children will be treated in a hospital in Scotland that has been assessed as suitable for managing the needs of those arriving, based on available capacity within the NHS. We will not be releasing any other patient sensitive information at this time and the privacy of these families must be respected as the children arriving rest and recover.”

**Line on how many people from Gaza have arrived in Scotland – if asked:**





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**Subject:** Support for Gazan medical evacuation - FM Letter

First Minister,

Please find a draft letter attached for you to send to the families who are due to arrive in Scotland from Gaza next week. Following your clearance, we will have this translated into Arabic and re-submit for your signature.

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Asylum & Ending Destitution Team Leader  
Equalities, Inclusion & Human Rights Directorate



FM Letter

September 2025

Dear

I write to extend my heartfelt welcome to you and your family on your arrival in Scotland.

I am delighted that our excellent National Health Service in Scotland has been able to offer treatment for your child [name] and please be reassured that we will do everything we can to provide the best care possible.

The people of Scotland have been shocked and horrified by the catastrophic situation that has unfolded in Gaza over the past two years, and no-one should have to endure the deep trauma, widespread malnourishment and suffering that you and your family have been exposed to.

The Scottish Government will continue to do everything in our power to call for a ceasefire and an increase in humanitarian aid for Gaza as well as bringing an end to Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine. It is our view that only a two-state solution will bring the lasting peace that the people of Palestine deserve.

Scotland has a proud history of welcoming people from around the world and although there will be many differences to get used to, I hope you will feel welcome

here for as long as you choose to stay. There are a wide range of support services available to make your time in Scotland more comfortable and your local authority, charities and community groups will be able to connect you with these services when you need them.

Scotland is a country that believes in justice and equality, and you will see many signs of support for Palestine around Scotland. Our country stands in solidarity with you, and I hope this will provide a small comfort to you as you navigate this difficult time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything that we can do to provide further assistance.

With warm wishes,

**FIRST MINISTER**

**Document 04**

15 Sept - Pre-Cabinet Call Support for Gazan medical evacuation - 11 September update

**From:** [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot > **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024

**Sent:** 15 September 2025 12:12

**To:** Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024  
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No problem, calendar invite sent on.

Thanks

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Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care – Neil Gray MSP

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

**Sent:** 15 September 2025 11:03

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Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]

**PO – could you invite** [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party] **to the pre-cabinet call tomorrow morning please.** [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party] has been leading on GAZA and will be able to provide latest position to Cab Sec.

Thanks

Mike

Michael Healy

Deputy Director

Emergency Preparedness, Resilience & Response Division

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**From:** [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot>

**Sent:** 15 September 2025 10:56

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Hi Mike

Yes I can attend to support.

Regards

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Head of Unit

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Refugees, Resettlement & Asylum Division

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

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Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]/[redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]

As mentioned I have been asked to join pre-cabinet call with Mr Gray tomorrow morning at 8:30 to talk to GAZA stance note and update.

Would either of you be able to join that call as well given the work you are doing and leading on. If you can I will get PO to issue invite or forward my invite. If not could you include me in any updates today on those transferring to Scotland. I seen the note this morning from the DHSC

Thanks

Mike

Michael Healy

Deputy Director

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**From:** [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot

**Sent:** 12 September 2025 12:38

To:[redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot>  
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**Subject:** RE: Support for Gazan medical evacuation - 11 September update

I'm logging off folks, <[redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party] will be around for a little while. Update note should be enough for Mike. Sure it is RIE and [REDACTED - S.38(1)(B) PERSONAL DATA RELATING TO THIRD PARTY], but Eddie can confirm that.

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**From:** [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 12 September 2025 12:29  
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**Cc:** Michael Healy <Michael.Healy@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot>; Edward Doyle <Edward.Doyle@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot>  
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[redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party] – just to **ask that Mike Healy is cced into the SCANCE note**, as he's been asked to attend the 8.30 Tuesday pre-Cabinet meeting for health and hadn't been closely involved to date

So in terms of a **read-in and being up to speed for Tuesday**, I think the attached update from last night covers the headlines. The actions readout from the Health Co-ordination meeting yesterday is also attached for Mike's benefit, as well as latest comms exchanges.

From the call yesterday, I'm **not sure we were clear who or when exactly would be going into Scottish hospitals for treatment?** Presumably they would go to [REDACTED - S.38(1)(B) PERSONAL DATA RELATING TO THIRD PARTY] and [REDACTED - S.38(1)(B) PERSONAL DATA RELATING TO THIRD PARTY], if we are being made aware of that level of detail?

If anyone on cc list has any key points for Mike on Tuesday, please highlight. e.g. [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party], who has noted that there aren't any issues regarding the **overseas charging regulations**, which are being updated I believe but won't impact the new arrivals from Gaza either way.



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**Subject:** RE: Support for Gazan medical evacuation - 11 September update

Hi [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]

Thanks, Mr Gray has noted and has asked if he could have a SCANCE note on this for Cabinet on Tuesday please. Grateful if a draft could be sent through by 12:00 today please.

Thanks

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Private Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care – Neil Gray  
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## **Document 05**

16 Sept - Urgent Submission - Amendment required to the NHS (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Regulations 1989 for medical evacuees from Gaza

**From:** [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot > **On Behalf Of** First Minister

**Sent:** 16 September 2025 08:40

**To:** Minister for Parliamentary Business 2024 <MinisterPB@gov.scot>; [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 CabSecHSC@gov.scot

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## **Document 06**

17 Sept - TO CLEAR: Media Bids - Medical treatment of Gazan children - Radio 4 &  
BBC News - BY 1300 PLEASE

**From:** [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]@gov.scot> **On  
Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024

**Sent:** 17 September 2025 13:57

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**Subject:** RE: TO CLEAR: Media Bids - Medical treatment of Gazan children - Radio  
4 & BBC News - BY 1300 PLEASE

Thanks [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]

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**From:** [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party]>

**Sent:** 17 September 2025 13:52

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care 2024 <CabSecHSC@gov.scot>

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Thanks

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**Subject:** TO CLEAR: Media Bids - Medical treatment of Gazan children - Radio 4 & BBC News - BY 1300 PLEASE

Good afternoon PO/Cab Sec,

We've had a couple of interview requests come in on the medical treatment of Gazan children.

The first is from Radio 4 who have bid for Mr Gray to speak on PM this afternoon. Given the fact we issued a proactive statement about this on Monday and that [redacted - s.38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party] has provided commentary on it, policy, spads and comms would recommend Mr Gray **accepts** this bid should diaries allow.

The second request has come from BBC News who are looking to speak to NHS specialists who are treating the Gazan children. Given the need to limit operational details we recommend that this should be **declined**.

Should Mr Gray wish to accept the Radio 4 bid, I see that there is a potential slot in the diary around **3.30pm** so I would suggest that it is pre-recorded then.

Grateful for Mr Gray's view ASAP.

Best wishes,  
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### **RADIO 4 BID REQUEST**

I'm working for BBC R4 on today's PM.

We would very much like to welcome Minister Gray or someone from the Health Department on PM this afternoon to discuss the Gazan children who have been brought to Scotland for medical treatment.

We'll have flexibility across lunchtime and this afternoon for a pre-recorded interview or could do a live interview around 5.30pm. Our presenter today is Evan Davis.

### **BBC NEWS BID REQUEST**

Thanks for taking my call.

As I said I am a senior health producer working for BBC Network News and I have been liaising with the Department of Health in Westminster for weeks about following the NHS specialists who are treating children evacuated from Gaza.

I understand that some of those children will be treated in Scotland, and I would like to extend the invitation for us to interview specialists who are treating children to promote the NHS at its best.

I appreciate the sensitivities and security issues with this story, and I feel this would be a more manageable way of celebrating the work of NHS teams.

Please get in touch if you wish to discuss this further. If you feel television is an issue, we could do radio and online coverage instead.

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### **Document 07**

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From yesterday

Cohort 1 patients and families arrived in UK and travelled to [out of scope] and [out of scope] uneventfully. The patient and sibling in [out of scope] were assessed at the [out of scope] and discharged to family accommodation. Clinical care for the patients will be delivered as planned and clinical needs of family members are being assessed.

Cohort 2 is due to arrive next Monday with 2/3 families for [out of scope] and 2 for [out of scope]. There will be some minor changes in the pathway such as no vaccinations in Jordan and there is some current debate on whether a military transport would be preferable to a chartered civilian aircraft. Final decision on that is likely today (Wed).

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Regards

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