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Dear Duncan,

A report to the Scottish Parliament by Professor David Clark: International comparisons in palliative care provision: what can the indicators tell us?

Thank you for enclosing a copy of the above report prepared by Professor David Clark University of Glasgow to inform the Health and Sport Committee Palliative Care Inquiry.

I welcome this report and recommendations. The Strategic Framework for Action for Palliative and End of Life Care, that is currently being developed and that will be published towards the end of the year, will helpfully provide the vehicle by which Scottish Government can address the issues raised by Professor Clark in his report. This includes a focus on the development of ways to better describe service provision and the development of measures to demonstrate the impact of palliative and end of life care on key outcomes.

I look forward to seeing the Health and Sport Inquiry Report once this is published.

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