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Dear Convener,

I write to inform you of the outcome of a recent review of statutory guidance for Scotland's Redress Scheme ("the Scheme").

As you are aware, a suite of statutory guidance was published and laid before Parliament when the Scheme was launched. The Scottish Government committed to review the guidance as the Scheme progressed and to update the guidance as appropriate.

On 15 August 2024 I wrote to inform you that six pieces of guidance were identified as requiring updates as a priority. The first tranche of revised guidance was laid before parliament and published in November 2024. Working collaboratively with Redress Scotland the review sought to improve readability, remove areas of ambiguity and address discrete operational matters. Feedback from survivors and stakeholders also informed improvements to the guidance.

The Scottish Government has now completed its review of the second tranche of revised statutory guidance. As with the first tranche, the review was conducted in close collaboration with Redress Scotland and aimed to improve clarity and accessibility without making substantive changes.

I have provided links to the updated guidance below

[Redress For Survivors \(Historical Child Abuse In Care\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021: statutory guidance – Nominated Beneficiaries – Updated April 2025 - gov.scot](#)

[Redress For Survivors \(Historical Child Abuse In Care\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021: statutory guidance – Next of Kin – Updated April 2025 - gov.scot](#)

[Redress For Survivors \(Historical Child Abuse In Care\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021: statutory guidance – Eligibility – Updated April 2025 - gov.scot](#)

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Section 106 of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 (“the Act”) provides as soon as possible after issuing guidance, the Scottish Ministers must lay a copy of the guidance before the Scottish Parliament and make the guidance publicly available.

We published the updated guidance this morning and laid it before parliament. We will also communicate the changes to the statutory guidance to stakeholders with an interest in the operation of the Scheme, including survivors and their legal representatives.

I hope you find this update helpful,

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