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Dear Convenor,

"Tick Tock..." A human rights assessment of progress from institutionalisation to independent living in Scotland - one year on

I write to you one year on from the publication of the SHRC's report assessing the progress made in delivering independent living for people with learning disabilities and/or who are autistic. In this report, we made nine recommendations to the Scottish Government.

We are aware that the Scottish Government and COSLA have been developing a new action plan, aimed at addressing our first recommendation to "urgently develop a fresh action plan to deliver the outstanding commitment of Coming Home" which "must be concretely grounded in the CRPD Committee's guidelines and address all components of deinstitutionalisation, including mechanisms of redress".

I understand that it is the Scottish Government's intention to publish this action plan before the end of this Parliament and had indicated that would be published by the end of 2025. While we await the overdue report, I wanted to reassure the Committee that once the action plan is published, the SHRC will write to the Committee to provide our assessment of the extent to which it delivers on our nine recommendations and complies with human rights standards. We thank you for your detailed consideration of the issues raised by our report to date. We hope that our further assessment will inform the Committee in its work and that you will continue to follow-up on delivery of the action plan as matters progress.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Angela O'Hagan
Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission