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Dear Clare,

I am writing to you as Convener of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, to let you know that the Scottish Government today announced its intent to take forward work to adopt the Nordic definition of deafblindness as a functional model in Scotland.

The Government recognises the distinct challenges faced by the deafblind community, and we want to ensure that those living with deafblindness in Scotland receive the recognition they need and are able to access the best possible care and support. Announcing our intention to adopt the Nordic definition is an important first step. Over the coming months we will be working through the detail of putting this into practice, working closely with the Cross-Party Groups on Deafness and Visual Impairment and key partners such as Deafblind Scotland.

I will keep the Committee informed of progress as we take forward this important work.

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