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Dear Clare

The Committee will be aware that I gave a statement to Parliament this evening which confirmed the creation of a new Safety and Public Confidence Oversight Group (SPCOG).

This Group will strengthen public confidence in the safety of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH). It will be co-chaired by the Chief Executive of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHS GGC) and Sir Lewis Ritchie, who Parliament will know has overseen several important reviews and reports over the years. Sir Lewis' input will provide relevant independent scrutiny, and this Group will report both to the NHS GGC Board and to the Scottish Government.

This Group will be broad and inclusive and will involve active engagement with patients, the wider public, staff, whistleblowers and other key stakeholders. The Group will also make use of external independent scrutiny from Healthcare Improvement Scotland and NHS Assure.

Importantly this will not interfere with the work of Lord Brodie's Inquiry who must be given the time and space to review all evidence free from political influence.

As noted during my statement, given the significant Parliamentary focus on this, I would therefore like to extend an offer to Committee Members to join a meeting with myself, the Chief Executive of NHS GGC and Sir Lewis to discuss the remit of the new Group. This will provide an opportunity for Members to provide any additional input on behalf of constituents to the function and purpose of this Group.

I would be grateful if any interested Members could please make contact with my office and I will ensure they receive details of the meeting.

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