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Dear Clare

I am writing to you in my capacity as Minister with responsibility for the Covid-19 Inquiries, in conjunction with my colleague, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care, to inform the Finance and Public Administration Committee that the UK Covid-19 Inquiry ("the Inquiry") has today published its Module 6 report and recommendations. Module 6 examined the impact of the pandemic on the publicly and privately funded adult social care sector in the four nations.

All Inquiry reports are available online at: <https://covid19.public-inquiry.uk/reports/>

The Scottish Government will now consider carefully the findings and recommendations set out in the Module 6 report. A detailed response will be provided within the timescales specified by the Inquiry Chair.

Work also continues to implement recommendations accepted from earlier Inquiry reports. Our next progress report on implementation of recommendations arising from Modules 1 and 2, covering pandemic preparedness and planning and government decision-making, will be published in November 2026. Last week, the Scottish Government published its response to the Module 3 report on the impact of the pandemic on UK healthcare systems, accepting all recommendations either in full or in principle and setting out planned next steps. In line with the Chair's expectations, our response to the Module 4 report on vaccines and therapeutics will be published no later than 19 November 2026.

We remain committed to learning the lessons identified by the Inquiry and to working collaboratively with partners to strengthen Scotland's preparedness, resilience and public services for the future.

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We hope the Committee finds this information helpful. We are also copying this letter to; the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee; the Health, Care and Sport Committee; and the Public Audit Committee, given the relevance of the Module 6 report across a number of parliamentary committees and for wider parliamentary awareness.

Yours sincerely



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