Dear Ms. Agnew

I refer to the evidence you gave to the Health and Sport Committee on Tuesday 28 November and as indicated by the Convener I have been requested to seek further information and elaboration in relation to aspects thereof.

The Official Report of the meeting is available here for ease of reference.

During the meeting there was discussion around legislative barriers which prevent the SPSO from sharing information more widely to drive up good practice. You undertook to provide detail on that issue, which I understand was also discussed during work by the review of SPCB supported bodies which led to the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act. It would be helpful if you could provide the detail you have including sharing any legal advice thereon.

In concluding the meeting the Convener invited all witnesses to provide views on two issues; How to ensure all staff get the opportunity to keep their practice up to speed and undertake necessary CPD?; and how do we ensure dignity and respect are built into the healthcare system? The Committee would welcome your thoughts on both matters.

A response by Monday 18 December would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Clerk
Health and Sport Committee