

27th March 2020

Dear Julie

I am writing to inform you that following a vote of the membership of Scottish Care that the membership has decided to accept the offer contained in your letter of the 20th March 2020.

The Executive Committee of Scottish Care wishes to place on record that when we come around the table to continue our negotiations that we will be making it a requirement that we jointly appoint independent mediators and arbitrators to support all parties to address the outstanding issues which have thus far prevented us from completing the Cost of Care Home Model. We will also be requesting that Scottish Government engage directly in these discussions.

As you rightly acknowledge we are in the midst of exceptionally challenging times and all our members and the workforce are committed to ensuring the preservation of life in our care homes in the coming days and weeks.

We are very grateful for the public commitment of both the First Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport to ensuring that the care home sector is adequately financially supported in meeting the Coronavirus challenge. To that end I would like us, as a matter of urgency and priority, to arrange a Zoom meeting so that we can decide on an appropriate mechanism(s) to address the financial distress which the sector is facing at this time.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Your sincerely

Donald Macaskill

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