



Dear SNP Leadership Candidates,

On Thursday 23 February, the The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) launched a commissioned report exploring human rights in the health and social care in Scotland. 'The Opportunity is Now - human rights in health and social care in Scotland: where we've been and the journey ahead' – authored by branch social research - seeks to unpack the questions and emerging issues which surround health, social care and human rights. A copy of the report is attached.

One of the key findings within the report was a perception that the commitment to the incorporation of human rights into Scots law was reliant on Nicola Sturgeon's tenure as First Minister. This was due to concern in the sector that there is not 'full buy-in from the Cabinet'.

Incorporation of human rights legislation must be high on the new First Minister's agenda. We are writing to seek your reassurance to the SNP manifesto commitment to 'incorporate four more United Nations Human Rights treaties into Scots Law' during this session of Parliament would continue to be a priority if you were elected as First Minister.

Our research found that there is significant support for the proposed reforms within the sector, and anticipation about the positive change it can ensure.

We look forward to hearing from you and would welcome the opportunity to explore the findings of our report further.

Best Wishes,

**The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE)**  
& **branch social research**

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