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PE1105/QQ



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Dear Franck

Thank you for your letter of 25 November 2010 regarding PE1105 – the St Margaret of Scotland Hospice and in particular, when the Scottish Government will publish the revised guidance on adult hospice funding, as currently set out in HDL (2003)18.

When I wrote to you on 21 October 2010, I indicated that a draft version of the new guidance document had been circulated to NHS Boards and the Scottish Hospices Forum for comment.

Following the feedback from this group, further development work is currently underway in collaboration with NHS Boards, the Scottish Hospice Forum and also the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care. Any additional comments will be considered as part of the development of the revised guidance. This will allow NHS Boards and Hospices to agree the basis for future funding arrangements.

We will provide further updates as this work progresses.

Yours sincerely

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