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Anas Sarwar MSP submission of 3 February 2021

I am writing in support of Petition PE01841 and in support of constituents who have contacted me since last March, seeking help on this issue.

The situation care home residents and their families have found themselves in since the start of the pandemic is tragic. Many family members have not been able to spend time with a loved one for almost a year. This is unacceptable and unforgivable.

I fully understand the initial caution as care home operators, be they private or public, came to terms with the impact of Covid-19 and what this meant for the safe operation of their care homes. Almost one year on it is unacceptable that a safe solution has still not been found to allow loved ones to spend precious time together in a safe environment.

This situation cannot be allowed to go on. A solution has to be found and I would urge you and your committee to do all it can to support the petitioners.