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Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) written submission, 12 April 2024

Thank you for your letter of 25 March 2024 asking the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body for information about the appointment of the new Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has established a cross-party selection panel under Standing Orders to undertake the recruitment of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland.

Prior to the post being advertised and to include those with a lived experience of patient safety issues in the recruitment process, the selection panel met with members of the Scottish Government's Advisory Group who had assisted with the drafting of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill, to seek their feedback on the job role and the skills and experience the Commissioner should have. This was a very productive and helpful meeting.

The post was advertised on Wednesday 20 March 2024 and the closing date for applications was Monday 8 April 2024.

The cross-party selection panel will meet on Wednesday 17 April 2024 to short list the candidates to be invited to interview. Interviews are scheduled for Monday 29 April 2024.

Following pre-appointment checks, a Motion will be lodged seeking the Parliament's agreement to nominate the successful candidate to His Majesty for appointment as the inaugural Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland.

When the Commissioner takes up office will depend, if they are currently in employment, on any notice period they have to give to their employer.

I hope the above is helpful to the Committee.