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Dear Convener,

FORENSIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES

Thank you for your letter of 29 March 2024 regarding the provision of forensic pathology services in Scotland.

In her letter of December 2023, Caroline Lamb advised that Scottish Government would undertake an examination of the current service and look at possible options for improvement. I can confirm that this work has now begun and we are working with COPFS and other interested parties to understand the complexities surrounding the current arrangements as well as to scope potential alternative models. As previously advised, we will write to the Committee in due course with our conclusions.

I am copying this letter to Caroline Lamb and to the Crown Agent for their information.

Yours sincerely,



ANGELA CONSTANCE