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Dear Clare and Douglas,

PUBLICATION OF THE HEALTH VISITING ACTION PLAN 2025 - 2035

I am writing to you to inform you that the Scottish Government has today published a Health Visiting Action Plan which can be found at <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781836912019>.

The action plan recognises the vital role that the health visiting service plays in supporting the health, wellbeing and development of all of Scotland's pre-school children. It aims to maximise the positive impact of that service by focusing action around:

- the skills, knowledge and confidence of Health Visitors;
- Health Visitor workforce capacity;
- the Health Visitor role and remit; and
- system leadership.

By delivering the plan in its entirety, the Scottish Government aims to create the conditions to support improved health and wellbeing across our pre-school population. This outcome is of vital importance to broader ambitions to improve early child development and to enhance

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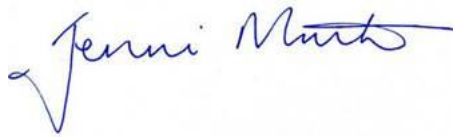
the health of Scotland's entire population including through a focus on prevention and early intervention.

The action plan is also one of our main mechanisms to deliver the 2024-25 Programme for Government commitments to increase uptake of child health reviews (at 13-15 months, 27-30 months and 4-5 years) and to reduce developmental concerns by a quarter by 2030.

The Scottish Government will now lead on the delivery of the plan working closely with those delivering and accessing the health visiting service. Through this approach we aim to ensure that our aspirations are most effectively put into practice.

I hope this information is of use to you and your colleagues across your respective committees.

Yours sincerely,



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