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Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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Dear Committee Members,

### **Skye House Joint Inspection/Visit Report**

I am writing to update the Committee on a recent inspection report concerning Skye House, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and to set out the immediate actions being taken to address issues identified.

The joint report by Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) and the Mental Welfare Commission (MWC) (published on 19 February) relates to an unannounced inspection of Skye House as part of the Joint CAMHS Safe Delivery of Care Inspection and Visit programme. This identified a number of areas requiring improvement including: concerns about culture and attitudes of staff, the use of restraint/safe holds and the proper recording on Datix systems, concerns about safe staffing numbers and the workforce model, and addressing concerns about authority to treat young people in accordance with the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.

The report sets out 16 formal requirements from HIS and 9 recommendations for improvement from the MWC. While 11 areas of good practice were identified, including investment to increase nursing capacity, strengthening of the multidisciplinary team, the introduction of care coordination, and person-centred care planning, the required improvements are significant.

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The Scottish Government expects NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to respond with urgency, rigour and full transparency. My officials are maintaining close oversight of progress. I remain concerned about the care at Skye House. To that end, I have requested an urgent meeting with the Chief Executive of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to gain assurance that she and her senior team are taking forward all the required improvements arising from the inspections. This will include confirmation that:

- the robust action plan is in place and will be implemented;
- that governance and clinical oversight arrangements are being put in place;
- culture change is prioritised, including improved recording of incidents of restraint, safe staffing levels, and authority to treat concerns; and
- learning from this inspection will be embedded across all relevant services.

HIS and the MWC will continue to monitor NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's progress in delivering the required actions and will provide assurance to the Scottish Government on the pace and effectiveness of this work. The MWC will conduct an additional enhanced visit to seek assurance on continued progress on the recommendations it outlined in the report.

I wish to assure the Committee that we are committed to ensuring that the concerns identified through these inspections are addressed fully and that the necessary improvements are secured for patients, families, and staff. I will provide further updates to the Committee as this work progresses.

Yours sincerely



**Tom Arthur MSP**

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