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Dear Deputy First Minister,

### **Redress Scheme for survivors of historical abuse in residential care in Scotland – Acknowledgement of the harms of the past**

I write on behalf of NHS Scotland Boards to formally confirm that all 22 Boards have committed to participating in the redress scheme for survivors of historical child abuse in residential care in Scotland via the Redress Payments Determined approach.

We understand that in order to be publicly listed as a scheme contributor, and therefore be included in the waiver provisions, organisations must both contribute a fair and meaningful financial contribution and provide the acknowledgement required by section 14 of the Act.

We acknowledge the wrongfulness of historical child abuse, and the harm this caused to survivors. We offer our full and sincere apologies to anyone who suffered harm and abuse while in the care of NHS Scotland.

We, as Scotland's NHS Boards, recognise that this scheme seeks to acknowledge and provide tangible recognition of past harm, and its impact on survivors. Participation in the redress scheme is a practical part of our national apology to children who suffered harm while in NHS care.

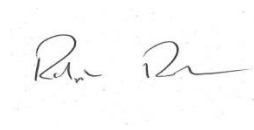
Further, we recognise that financial redress is only one aspect of acknowledging past harm within care settings for vulnerable children in Scotland.

I hereby confirm in writing that all 22 NHS Scotland Health Boards (detailed below) agree to contribute. Boards will pay for their share of all cases allocated to them, which names an institution ran by them as a relevant care setting.

All 22 of Scotland's NHS Boards are fully committed to supporting the Redress Scheme. By contributing to the Scheme, we are setting out the commitment from NHS Scotland to support survivors and take steps to provide some redress for past trauma.

We therefore commit to living our values of care and compassion by pledging to be open, transparent and caring in how we engage with anyone who was in the care of NHS Scotland and who makes an application for a redress payment.

Yours sincerely



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**Chair, NHS Scotland Board Chief Executives**

All 22 NHS Scotland Health Boards have agreed to participate in the redress scheme:

NHS 24  
NHS Ayrshire and Arran  
NHS Borders  
NHS Dumfries and Galloway  
NHS Fife  
NHS Forth Valley  
NHS Golden Jubilee  
NHS Grampian  
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde  
NHS Healthcare Improvement Scotland  
NHS Highland  
NHS Lanarkshire  
NHS Lothian  
NHS National Education Scotland  
NHS National Services Scotland  
NHS Orkney  
NHS Shetland  
NHS Tayside  
NHS Western Isles  
Public Health Scotland  
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The State Hospital