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Dear Alison

I am responding to Franck David's letter of 25 March 2011 in relation to the outcome of Scottish Governments consultation on the revised guidance on adult hospice funding.

NHS Scotland has undertaken its own review of the funding of independent adult hospices. This involved NHS Boards and independent adult hospices. The review conclusions were accepted by the Scottish Government and referred to in *Living and Dying Well, Building on Progress* published in January 2011. The review group report is also published at the link below. Scottish Government officials are now in discussion with the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care and representatives of hospices about the next steps in developing revised guidance which will allow NHS Boards and Hospices to agree the basis for future funding arrangements.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/924/0111432.pdf>

We will provide further updates as this work progresses.

Yours sincerely

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