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Dear Ms Robinson

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION [PE1545](#)

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to recognise residential care as a way severely learning disabled children, young people and adults can lead happy and fulfilled lives and provide the resources to local authorities to establish residential care options for families in Scotland.

Following the Committee's consideration of the above petition on 26 May 2015; you wrote seeking clarity on the Scottish Governments suggestion that we undertake some national work to assess the current need for residential care facilities for the severely learning disabled adult population in Scotland.

A response to this request was sent on the 31st July 2015, which highlighted a planned meeting on the 6th August 2015 with Scottish Government officials, the petitioner - Mrs Maxwell, strategic partners (Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability (SCLD) and the Scottish Learning Disability Observatory (SLDO) and a delivery partner – PAMIS, who provide support for families of individuals with profound and multiple learning disabilities across Scotland.

The meeting with Mrs Maxwell to explore potential actions which could feasibly be delivered within a reasonable timescale took place on the 6th of August. The following actions were agreed:

- The Learning Disability policy team will investigate cross policy implications of the petition and engage with relevant colleagues across Scottish Government.
- SCLD and PAMIS will investigate delivery approaches which support individuals with complex needs, highlighted by Mrs Maxwell.

- Officials will host a further development session with a wider group of delivery partners to identify what specific actions are required to ascertain the potential demand for, and view of, residential support.

I hope this further information will be of assistance to the Committee in its continuing consideration of the Petition.

Yours sincerely

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