

Scottish Government Letter of 22 September 2016

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.

I refer to my letter dated 27 July 2016 and would like to take the opportunity to update the Committee on recent engagement with the petitioner. Officials from the Care, Support and Rights Division met with Mrs Maxwell on 5 September 2016 to provide feedback on progress to date on work around residential care options. Also present at the meeting was Dr Anne MacDonald who is the lead on the commissioned two year project looking at the range of opinions across Scotland with a particular focus on people with complex needs.

Dr MacDonald discussed in detail the three main phases of the project and the stakeholders involved and this will result in a strategic overview for provision across Scotland. Additionally this will also inform the emerging work on Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) and will inform actions and recommendations for the next steps across Scotland.

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

Yours sincerely

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