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Dear Ms Dubery

Officers within NHS Ayrshire and Arran have considered the request for views on the key issues and evidence to be considered regarding the impact of the Scottish Government's free personal care policy.

The key issues identified were addressed in the response to the Scottish Parliamentary Care Inquiry but the inequity currently caused by this national policy is noted. Specifically, the fact that free personal care is for older people only, raising the possibility of both age and disability discrimination issues across other client groups.

I trust the forgoing is helpful.

Yours sincerely



Dr Allan Gunning
Chief Operating Executive