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Dear Deputy First Minister

Advance Payment Scheme - Consultation and engagement on a potential financial compensation/redress scheme for victims/survivors of abuse in care

Thank you for your letter to the InterAction Action Plan Review Group (Review Group) received on 6th September 2018. Your acknowledgement of the work undertaken on the consultation and engagement as well as an offer to meet again was very much appreciated.

In the recommendation relating to an 'advanced payment scheme', we noted that the Review Group was currently considering further details, including eligibility matters relating to this proposal and that we would forward any relevant information as soon as possible.

The Review Group held a meeting on the 24th September and we would now like to update you and provide the agreed information.

The Review Group consider that there should be two eligibility criteria for an 'advanced payment scheme' to address the needs of victims/survivors in ill health and those who are elderly.

- i) The Review Group is satisfied that the following term, advised by medical professionals, would be the most appropriate criteria for eligibility to the 'advanced payment scheme' for victims/survivors in ill health: 'approaching the end of life'.
- ii) The Review Group considered that there should be an age criteria for eligibility to the 'advance payment scheme', and following full discussion recommend the age of 70 years and above.

In addition, should an 'advance payment scheme' be implemented using these eligibility criteria, the Review Group would request that the number of applications to the scheme are closely monitored. The Review Group is concerned that the criteria, particularly the age criterion, might be too restrictive. We recommend that a review of applications is undertaken at 3 months and continuously thereafter. If there are a

limited number of applications over this timescale, we recommend that the age criterion is revisited and if necessary, lowered to be made more inclusive.

We respectfully remind you of the urgency of this matter and commend this further information to you and the Scottish Government. The Review Group appreciates your consideration of these matters and remain available for any further discussion that is required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Kendrick', written in a cursive style.

Professor Andrew Kendrick Chair of the InterAction Action Plan Review Group