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## **Cass Report**

Dear Trina Budge, Marion Calder, Susan Smith,

Thank you for your letter of 16 April 2024 regarding the Cass Report and our last correspondence.

The Scottish Government takes patient safety seriously, and the appropriate checks and procedures are in place, as outlined in our October letter. It is important to highlight that the Cass Review was commissioned by NHS England and has not specifically examined the approach to service delivery in Scotland, where clinical governance and delivery structures are different.

That said, it is of course vitally important that these recommendations are carefully considered to assess whether and to what extent they are relevant to the approach to gender identity and healthcare in Scotland, and to consider what steps may need to be taken as a result. A multidisciplinary clinical team within the Chief Medical Officer's Directorate in the Scottish Government, which will include paediatric, pharmacy and scientific expertise, will assess the recommendations and engage with the relevant clinical community and leadership in Health Boards in relation to the recommendations.

To clarify, there is no intended introduction of a "non-binary number", the Scottish Government's commitment is to review the use of a sex code in Community Health Index (CHI) numbers and enable non-binary people to be recognised in medical records.

Yours faithfully,

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