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Adult Support and Protection - Joint Inspection Programme

I am writing to you about the Adult Support and Protection (ASP) Joint Inspection Programme. I am pleased to inform you that Phase 1 of the Joint Inspection Programme has been successfully completed. I welcome publication of the report from joint inspection partners, which presents findings from Phase 1.

I also wanted to take the opportunity to acknowledge challenges faced by partners and partnerships during the completion of Phase 1. This included pause of the programme due to pressures resulting from the pandemic and a restart with a revised methodology. I would like to thank the inspection partners - the Care Inspectorate, Healthcare Improvement Scotland and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland – as well as the individuals across the sector who enabled the inspections to occur and ensured the breadth and accuracy of their findings.

The programme provides assurance on the ongoing protection and risk management for adults at risk of harm. The purpose of Phase 1 of the programme was to provide baseline information across the 26 adult protection partnerships not previously inspected in 2017/18. The intention was to follow this programme of inspections with a second phase of scrutiny and/or improvement activity, informed fully by Phase 1 findings.

Phase 2 will be a 2-year programme, which commenced on 1st August 2023, that will blend scrutiny activity with improvement and include close collaboration with adult protection partnerships. The first year of Phase 2 will include revisiting the six adult protection partnerships who were subject to ASP inspection activity in 2017/18. The inspection methodology employed in Phase 1 will be utilised.

In addition, the first year of Phase 2 will involve the development of an ASP quality improvement framework by inspection partners, with input from stakeholders across the sector.

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The second year of the programme will be designed to provide assurance of improvement, inclusive of those partnerships which, during Phase 1, received inspection reports identifying areas of weakness that outweighed strengths. Some additional partnerships may also be revisited to provide assurance of improvement activity.

Additionally in the second year of the programme, indicators relating to early identification of risk; early intervention; and utilising a trauma informed approach in ASP will be applied with a select group of ASP partnerships to augment their planned self-evaluation processes.

A feedback session – led by Care Inspectorate – will be held on 21st August to disseminate key findings from Phase 1 as well as outlining plans for Phase 2. It is important that best practice, improvement recommendations, and knowledge arising from Phase 1 is used systematically to drive improvement. The upcoming event creates an excellent opportunity to maximise the benefit and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Thank you again for your continuing support.



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