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## UPDATE ON IJB COVID RESERVES

Following my letter dated 12 September 2022, setting out an update on IJB Covid reserve balances, I am writing to provide further detail on the arrangements we will put in place to enable Covid reserves to be returned. A breakdown of the figures by Integration Joint Board is shown at **Annex A** and is based on Month 8 FPR data. This will be carried out through a negative allocation to the value of the agreed return from the relevant NHS Board back to Scottish Government with local arrangements to be agreed with regards to the transactions between the IJB and NHS Board.

We are aware of the uncertainties over the current winter period, including demand led sustainability payments and IJBs are working on the principle of Covid being funded in 2022-23. It is on this basis that the reserve adjustment is taking place. We will work with CFOs in April 2023 to complete a reconciliation exercise between the Month 8 position and final outturn.

As set out in my letter of 15 December, from 2023-24 onwards there is no additional Covid funding and costs for programmes such as Test and Protect and Vaccinations will be agreed in the coming weeks.

I appreciate the ongoing work across the sector and your ongoing collaboration.

Yours faithfully



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**Annex A – IJB M8 Covid Reserve Position**

<b>IJB</b>	<b>HSCP Forecast Spend at M8 (£000s)</b>	<b>Reserve Balance at 31 March 2022 (£000s)</b>	<b>Balance to be Returned (£000s)</b>
East Ayrshire	4,362	11,363	7,001
North Ayrshire	5,058	13,321	8,263
South Ayrshire	2,989	11,713	8,724
Scottish Borders	1,662	11,048	9,386
Dumfries and Galloway	11,282	16,346	5,064
Fife	14,506	35,993	21,487
Clackmannanshire and Stirling	4,901	13,153	8,252
Falkirk	4,583	16,265	11,682
Aberdeen City	10,057	19,741	9,684
Aberdeenshire	8,844	20,405	11,561
Moray	2,777	9,016	6,239
East Dunbartonshire	3,823	9,963	6,140
East Renfrewshire	4,766	9,266	4,500
Glasgow City	20,741	65,602	44,861
Inverclyde	3,206	8,130	4,924
Renfrewshire	3,120	17,242	14,122
West Dunbartonshire	3,358	9,213	5,855
Argyll and Bute	6,899	10,489	3,590
Highland*	5,764*	16,270*	10,506*
North Lanarkshire	7,570	31,621	24,051
South Lanarkshire	15,458	33,256	17,798
Edinburgh	12,618	44,937	32,319
East Lothian	5,549	9,182	3,633
Midlothian	3,864	9,703	5,839
West Lothian	4,673	15,285	10,612
Orkney Islands	1,357	2,363	1,006
Shetland Islands	2,375	2,283	- 92
Angus	3,376	15,759	12,383
Dundee City	5,246	15,595	10,349
Perth and Kinross	5,718	15,366	9,648
Western Isles	1,299	3,388	2,089
<b>Total</b>	<b>191,801</b>	<b>523,277</b>	<b>331,476</b>

*\* The figures shown for Highland are notional, given the Highland HSCP has adopted a Lead Agency Model.*