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By Email.

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Dear Lewis,

### **Covid-19: Death in Service Benefit for NHS Scotland Staff**

Further to my letter of 7 May 2020 when I shared the draft scheme rules for the **NHS Scotland Coronavirus Life Assurance Scheme 2020**, I can now confirm that this scheme is operational, and the application process is live on the Scottish Public Pension Agency website at the following link <https://pensions.gov.scot/news/nhs-scotland-coronavirus-life-assurance-scheme>.

I firmly believe this is the right thing to do and I am truly humbled by the exceptional hard-work, commitment and on-going dedication that has been demonstrated by NHS Scotland staff, as we continue with our response to this pandemic. This additional scheme ensures that all our NHS Staff have the reassurance they deserve at this challenging time.

Kind regards,

**JEANE FREEMAN**

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