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Convener  
Health and Sport Committee

By Email.

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Dear Lewis,

**Covid-19: Death in Service Benefit for Further Education Students studying HNC Care and Administrative Practice and HNC Healthcare Practice**

I wrote to you on 25 August to advise that I had extended the **NHS Scotland and Social Care Coronavirus Life Assurance Scheme 2020** to cover students from Higher Education Institutes who undertake clinical placements on NHS premises.

In addition to students of Higher Education Institutes, there are students of Further Education Colleges studying for an HNC in Care and Administrative Practice and an HNC in Healthcare Practice who undertake placements in health and social care settings. Many of these students use this HNC as an alternative route into a nursing degree, and I therefore feel that in order to ensure that there is no disruption to the education and supply of the future workforce, it is right that we extend the Death in Service provision to cover these students.

I have therefore decided to offer these students a temporary CV19 related death in service provision, which consists of a single £60,000 death in service payment to a nominated dependant. This is the same cover we have put in place for students from Higher Education Institutes.

This provision will provide students and their dependants peace of mind as we re-commence essential student placements.

Kind regards,

**JEANE FREEMAN**

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