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Christine Cusack submission of 9 February 2021

I am writing to express my whole family and friends', and Care Home Relatives Scotland's, dismay at Scottish Care submission of 22 January 2021 statement:

"WE CONSIDER ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION TO BE AN UNHELPFUL DISTRACTION"

This re-enforces our belief that the private care sector are their first priority and find this comment an insult to the 100,000 people who support our campaign.

If Scottish Care believes the progress, after nearly a year of isolation, to be adequate and progressing in a timely manner then, I believe, that it reiterates the actual residents wellbeing and human rights are low on their priorities.

This is the reason legislation is absolutely required to give the residents and their family some rights.

I would also like to submit a comment on the Scottish Government's submission of 7th February. Mainly that if the government's guidance until now had been followed then indoor visiting would have occurred but I have had one 30 minute essential visit In all this time.

New guidelines will be no more effective hence legislation is required.

Every week 300 residents are dying in care homes, due to non covid issues, with no family contact. That is 15,000 in this last year with no quality of life. They deserved to see at least 1 family member in their last months. We are talking about a group of people who are at the later stages of their life and in this and future potential issues do not have a year or more for guidelines to be discussed at various committees/ meetings before any effective guidance can be agreed. They deserve better.