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Dear Dr Calderwood

The Health and Sport Committee have an interest in the recent guidance issued by you in relation to Cannabis based products for medicinal use and have asked that I write seeking some additional information.

The Committee is interested in access to these treatments and how access and prescribing are being monitored. Please could you provide information on prescribing and on refusals, with information on the grounds for the refusal if available.

The Committee have noted the guidance issued and that further review work is being undertaken with the expectation of additional guidance and advice later this year. They have further noted the qualifications and conditions within the guidance covering prescribing. Given these changes reverse many years of restrictions on prescribing such products how reassured are you that clinicians are now confident in prescribing in line with the guidance? Do you believe that there is enough public understanding of the changes to the legislation and licensing of cannabis products?

I would welcome a response on these matters by 28 February.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lewis Macdonald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue underline for the letter 'L'.

Lewis Macdonald

Convener, Health and Sport Committee