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## Families on the Frontline – Two-Day Conference

Dear Family Member

Since the beginning of our National Mission to reduce drug related deaths and improve lives, I have been consistently in awe of the contributions that family members affected by alcohol and drugs make to Scotland. Supporting their loved ones, often for years while they struggle with alcohol and drugs, but also supporting one another in countless groups across the country. I've been privileged to hear directly from many families affected by substance use and I know first-hand that they possess a unique insight and expertise in to how we can better help people who use drugs achieve their recovery goals.

I am determined to make better use of that expertise as we continue to implement a whole family approach and embed family inclusive practice in alcohol and drug services. That is why I am pleased to invite you to participate in Families on the Frontline, a two-day conference which will bring together families and those working in treatment, care and support services. Day One of this event will bring together family members from across Scotland to connect with each other, learn from one another and from a diverse set of speakers, and develop Scotland's family recovery movement. Day Two of the conference will include people delivering treatment, care and support services to hear directly from family members and work together to illustrate the positive and practical ways that we can strengthen family support and family inclusive practice in Scotland.

This event will be held in Stirling at the Stirling Court Hotel on 28-29 March 2023. There will be no charge for attending, and dinner and overnight accommodation will be provided for Day One participants. Further details and booking arrangements will follow.

I hope that you are able to attend and join me as we focus on this important agenda.

**Angela Constance, MSP**

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