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Families on the Frontline – Two Day Conference

Dear [INSERT NAME],

A key focus of our National Mission to reduce drug related deaths and improve lives has been to better support those family members affected by the substance use of a loved one, both as a part of their loved one's recovery but also, vitally, in their own right. Families play an often undervalued role at the front line as first defence for alcohol and drug problems in our communities, and there is a great amount that we can learn from them to better support them in their own right, and include them in treatment and care services.

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 drug services. That is why I am pleased to invite you to participate in Families on the Frontline, a conference bringing together families and those working in treatment, care and support services. I hope that by bringing together family members and important actors in the drug and alcohol landscape like yourself we can work together to illustrate the positive and practical ways that we can strengthen family support and family inclusive practice in Scotland.

The conference will provide an opportunity to hear from a diverse set of speakers and engage in discussions and activities alongside family members to improve your understanding of a whole family approach. This aims to support you in your work to implement the framework in your locality.

This event will be held in Stirling at the Stirling Court Hotel on 28-29 March 2023. Day One (28 March) will be for family members only, with those working in treatment, care and support services joining for Day Two (29 March). Further details and booking arrangements will follow.

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

Angela Constance, MSP

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