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Chair of Health and Social Care Committee  
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Dear colleague,

### **Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill – Extra Care**

During the Health and Social Care Committee's Stage 2 scrutiny of amendments to the Bill on Tuesday 7 October, I offered to share with Members of the Committee the advice being prepared by the Chief Inspector of Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales concerning the regulation of Extra Care.

That work is now completed and is attached for your information.

The Chief Inspector's advice concludes that there is no current evidence that people in Extra Care require additional protection. Given this advice I have decided not to pursue regulation of Extra Care as a separate service under the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill. As you will be aware, we will continue to regulate any personal care that is provided within Extra Care through other service definitions within the Bill.

Given that this has been a rapidly developing area, I will ask the Inspectorate to keep this matter under active review and to provide advice should the position change. That can then be taken into account in any Ministerial decision to use the powers established under this Bill to bring further services within the regulation and inspection regime.

Yours sincerely,

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