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Dear Chair,

**RE: Residential Care for older people**

Following my evidence session in January I advised that I would provide you with details of the work underway to meet the recommendations made in my Review. This document, which includes a significant amount of detail on the work underway, is complex and has therefore taken longer to complete than first anticipated but should be finalised soon. I will therefore share this document with the successor Committee after the election.

Whilst developing this I am continuing to monitor the work of the Care Home Steering Group which is the primary vehicle through which many of my recommendations are being taken forward. I have made clear my expectations that my Requirements for Action must be addressed by all relevant Welsh Government departments and have been given assurances that action is in hand. I also hold regular meetings with the Welsh Government's Director of Social Services and Integration.

In addition, I am working with a range of partners to promote good practice across Wales. I am also beginning to shape the focus of my follow up review and welcome discussing this with the new Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee so that we can continue to bring our collective scrutiny to this important area.

I would like to formally thank the Committee for their ongoing interest in and scrutiny of this area of work particularly their follow up report published in February which reflected a number of concerns I'd raised. I look forward to working with the Committee and its members in the future in our respective scrutiny roles.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Rochira". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Sarah Rochira**  
**Older People's Commissioner for Wales**