



**From the Chair and Vice Chair of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland's Addictions Faculty**

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Dear Elena Whitham MSP

On behalf of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland, we would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as the new Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss:

- How you intend to pursue equality of service for Scotland's rural areas, where recruitment is a major issue.
- Your plans to improve coordination of prison release and after care.
- The future of MAT funding after the current five year commitment.
- And the system change required to develop a more responsive and coherent alcohol treatment system.

We are looking forward to working together with you on these priority areas to improve services for people in Scotland.

Could you please let us know of your availability to meet with representatives of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland? We hope to hear from your office soon.

With our very best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland's Addictions Faculty

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