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Dear Holmes Care Group Scotland Ltd

IMPROVEMENT NOTICE – EXTENSION OF TIMESCALE

On **6 May 2026**, you were served with an Improvement Notice in relation to Larkfield View Care Centre, 207 Burns Road, Greenock, PA16 0PR, in terms of section 62 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (“the Act”). The Improvement Notice stated that unless there was a significant improvement in provision of the service, Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (hereinafter referred to as “the Care Inspectorate”) intended to make a proposal to cancel your registration. The Improvement Notice specified the nature of the improvements to be made, and the period within which they were to be made.

The Care Inspectorate has decided to extend the timescale within which some of the improvements must be made in order to give you a further opportunity to make a significant improvement in the provision of the service. The revised timescales are as follows:

Improvement(s)

1. By **26 June 2026, extended from 21 May 2026**, you must ensure that the health and wellbeing of people using the service is protected by implementing arrangements to, where necessary, reduce the risk of a person choking.

This must include, but is not limited to ensuring that:

- a) Nutrition and hydration support, including modified diets and thickened fluids, are delivered safely and in line with recognised standards.

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- b) There are always sufficiently trained and skilled staff on duty, and in such numbers, to supervise meal service and to monitor people supported for signs of choking or aspiration.

This is in order to comply with Regulation 4(1)(a) of the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Service) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210) and Section 7 of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019.

We identified some improvements in nutrition and hydration which had reduced the risks for people requiring modified meals and fluids. Further time is needed to ensure that improved practice is consistent, and improvements are embedded into practice.

We concluded that this required improvement is not yet met. We have agreed to extend the timescale to meet this required improvement until 26 June 2026.

- 2. By **26 June 2026, extended from 21 May 2026**, you must ensure that no service user is subject to restraint, unless it is the only practicable means of securing the welfare and safety of that or any other service user and there are exceptional circumstances. If any restraint is required, you must ensure that:

This must include but is not limited to ensuring that:

- a) Any restrictive practices are lawful, proportionate, and supported by robust assessment and consent processes.
- b) Staff understand the principles of any restrictive measures as under pinned by good practice and Mental Welfare Commission guidelines.
- c) That policies and procedures in relation to restrictive practice are followed by staff particularly in relation to the use of lap straps and bedrails.

This is in order to comply with Regulation 4(1)(c) of the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Service) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210).

There remained several outstanding actions and identified omissions within this required improvement that require to be addressed for practice to be deemed safe.

We concluded that this required improvement is not yet met. We have agreed to extend the timescale to meet this required improvement until 26 June 2026.

- 3 By **26 June 2026, extended from 21 May 2026** you must ensure that the health and well being of people using the service is protected by ensuring the service is effectively led and managed at all times.

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This must include but is not limited to ensuring that:

- a) There is a consistent, competent management presence within the home to provide clear leadership, oversight and accountability for quality and safety.
- b) That there are always sufficiently trained and skilled staff on duty to support the provision of safe and effective care.

This is in order to comply with Regulation 4(1)(a) of the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Service) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210) and Section 7 of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019.

Actions have been taken to contribute to achieving improved oversight within the home however improvements have been insufficient to ensure early identification of risks and health deterioration and ensure peoples safety and wellbeing.

We concluded that this required improvement is not yet met. We have agreed to extend the timescale to meet this required improvement until 26 June 2026.

- 4. By **21 May 2026**, you must promote the health, welfare and safety of people and protect them from harm. In particular, you must ensure:
 - a) Any notifiable events are recognised and reported timeously to the Care Inspectorate and the Health and Social Care Partnership, with appropriate Actions to mitigate identified risks. Notifications should be inclusive of but not limited to Adult Support and Protection referrals.

This is in order to comply with Regulation 4(1)(a) of the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210) and Section 53(6) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (SSI 2010/322).

Since the inspection incidents and accidents have been identified and reported in line with guidance, including adult protection referrals.

We concluded that this required improvement has been met.

If there is no significant improvement within the revised timescale, we intend to make a proposal to cancel your registration in terms of section 64 of the Act.

You should also note that even if you comply with this Improvement Notice, if at any point during the period of 12 months following the date of compliance we have reasonable grounds to believe that any aspect of the improvements you were

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required to make has not been sustained, we may make a proposal to cancel your registration in terms of section 64 of the Act. No new Improvement Notice will be issued prior to the proposal to cancel being made.

A copy of this notice has been sent to the local authority within whose area the service is provided.

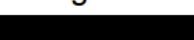
Please contact me if you would like to discuss this letter or if there is anything in the notice you do not understand.

Yours sincerely



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