

Dear (Candidate name)

I'm contacting you as a local resident to ask you to sign **Alzheimer Scotland's Fair Dementia Care pledge**.

People living with advanced dementia have complex physical and psychological symptoms. However, they do not always have equality of access to the specialist health and nursing care they need and are disproportionately impacted by social care charges. Alzheimer Scotland's Fair Dementia Care campaign seeks to address these inequities by ensuring that people with advanced dementia have equal access to free healthcare on a par with people who are living with other progressive and life-limiting illnesses.

Since launching the Fair Dementia Care campaign two years ago, more than **18,000** people have signed up to support it, including MSPs from across the political parties. The recommendations of the recent Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland, including those to end non-residential social care charges and substantially increase Free Personal and Nursing Care payments for those in care homes, are positive but will take time to come to fruition.

Those with living today advanced dementia don't have the time to wait – they need and deserve action now.

That's why I'm supporting Alzheimer Scotland's call for candidates in the Scottish Parliament election to commit to the **Fair Dementia Care pledge**:

- Ensuring that every person with advanced dementia, living in a care home, has an individual assessment of their health and nursing care needs.
- Support an increase in Free Personal and Nursing Care payments to a level which is equal to the actual cost of the care people with advanced dementia need.

These two measures can be implemented quickly and within the existing legal framework.

I hope that you will sign the pledge, support urgent measures to deliver Fair Dementia Care and, if elected, assist to quickly deliver these two actions that will help address the inequity currently faced by people living with advanced dementia.

You can sign up to the pledge and get more information on the Fair Dementia Care campaign by visiting **www.alzscot.org/fairdementiacarepledge**.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully