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Dear Sara

On behalf of the Scottish Government, I would like to place on record my thanks for the drive and vision you have brought to the role of Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner (IASC) over the past three years. The partnership approach which you have promoted to scrutiny has been particularly welcome.

The IASC role is a vital component of the anti-trafficking sector in the UK. Alongside your team, you have made a significant contribution to the four areas set out in your 2019-21 Strategic Plan: improving victim care and support, supporting law enforcement and prosecution; focussing on prevention and getting value from research and innovation.

I would also like to note the support you and the wider IASC team have provided within our Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy implementation groups. I am aware, both from my officials and our partners in Scotland, the significant inputs your office has made across the Strategy and in supporting the assessment phase of our recently announced Victim Centred Approach Fund.

I look forward to engaging productively with your successor in due course and offer you my best wishes for the future.



**ASH REGAN**

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