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Dear Professor Glasier,

I hope this letter finds you well.

On behalf of Action on Pre-eclampsia, may I firstly congratulate you on your appointment as the inaugural Women's Health Champion for Scotland. We look forward to working closely with you in the months ahead, particularly around the need for placental growth factor (PLGF) testing in Scotland.

You may be aware that Action on Pre-eclampsia (APEC) aims to raise public and professional awareness of pre-eclampsia, improve care, and ease or prevent physical and emotional suffering caused by the disease. We do this by providing information and support to members of the public who are affected by pre-eclampsia, through midwifery education and support research into finding a cure.

As you know, pre-eclampsia is one of the most common and serious complications of pregnancy with pregnancy hypertension, affecting up to one-in-ten pregnancies, and potentially leading to serious complications including both maternal and child death.

We are delighted that, the Scottish Health Technologies Group has published new guidance recommending the routine use of placental growth factor (PLGF) testing across Scotland to help diagnose or rule out suspected pre-eclampsia. The guidance finally brings Scotland into broad alignment with the advice and services available to expectant mothers in both Wales and England. However the test has been available in England for some time and is in routine use, please see [this case study](#).

The guidance issued by SHTG sends a clear message that PIGF-based testing for pre-eclampsia should be available in every maternity unit in Scotland.

It is impossible to overstate how significant a milestone this is in maternity care. This means that tests can be used to positively diagnose the condition, helping to give healthcare professionals confidence in their diagnosis, providing parents with much needed clarity and reassurance, and supporting the NHS by reducing unnecessary admissions.

As the leading patient group for tackling pre-eclampsia, we would greatly appreciate a meeting to discuss how we can work together to support the urgent adoption and implementation of the new guidance in Scotland.

Lastly, I also wanted to share with you a series of short informative videos we have produced on the importance of pre-eclampsia testing from a [consultant obstetrician](#), a [patient](#) and from myself at [APEC](#). I hope you find these insightful.

Your support around our mission to ensure the safety of pregnant women and their babies is hugely appreciated and I hope we can now work together to get PIGF testing available to clinicians throughout Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

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