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Reflections from the Chief Finance Officer Network 2021/21

The Chief Finance Officer Network has been crucial as we navigated a year of challenge and opportunity. The network has sought to operate with agility, responding to the demands of the pandemic in order to ensure strong financial management and governance while supporting the delivery of services which met the needs of the people of Scotland through this difficult time.

Relationships with our teams and colleagues across the health and social care sector have been essential as we embraced new ways of working while continuing to discharge statutory accountabilities. The rapid pace of change required to respond to the pandemic created opportunities to work in new ways we are committed to embracing the lessons learned and continuing with any new best practice.

While the pandemic response has been an undeniable focus of the year we have maintained a broad focus with a varied agenda covering items such as Best Value, Scottish Living Wage and the Independent Review of Adult Social Care. The Chief Finance Officer Network plays an essential role in ensuring a national voice and empowers improvement and, where in the best interests of the users of our services, consistency.

As we move forward we will continue to meet regularly and work closely to ensure robust financial management and a collaborative approach as we remobilise from the pandemic and welcome the changes required to deliver the vision of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care.

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