

Template email for 2026

Scottish parliament election

Subject line: Invite to visit **[Hospice name]** in **[Constituency name]**

Dear **[Candidate name]**,

I am writing to introduce myself, as the Chief Executive of **[Hospice name]**, **delivering services/based in [Constituency name]**, to invite you to join us at the hospice to meet some of our wonderful staff and discuss the key role of hospices in the health and care system.

Hospices across Scotland provide vital palliative and end of life care, supporting over 20,000 people every year. They are an integral part of our health and social care system.

[Outline details about your hospice such as the number of people you support, the services you offer, your value to the constituency etc.]

With our ageing population, demand for palliative care is rising sharply - placing an even greater strain on our health and care system. Yet too many people in Scotland are dying without the support they need. And too many people are spending their final weeks in hospital beds – not because they need to be there, but because the system gives them no other choice.

Hospice care supports people to stay at home, reducing hospital stays and delayed discharges, and saving the NHS money. Yet our vital services are struggling due to rising costs and insufficient statutory funding.

Hospices believe the next Scottish Government must make palliative care a national priority by:

- Delivering a long-term, sustainable funding model for hospice care
- Establishing an independent review of palliative care
- Legislating to deliver a right to palliative care

Please read our [manifesto asks](#), that have been backed by every charitable hospice in Scotland.

As the **[party]** candidate for **[Constituency name]**, I would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you, introduce you to our staff and services and discuss the role of **[Hospice name]** and the broader sector in the health and care system.

I very much hope you will accept this invitation and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,