

ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT 2019

The Board of Abbeyfield Scotland Ltd commissioned an external review of the Society's compliance with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management and the requirements of Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework. The conclusions of that review, which have been accepted by the Board, have not provided assurance that Abbeyfield Scotland Ltd fully complies with the regulatory requirements.

The Board is committed to achieving full compliance. As a result of ongoing engagement, the Scottish Housing Regulator is aware of the current strategic and business plan priorities which are being progressed and are intended to strengthen regulatory compliance. Additionally, the Board will adopt a Compliance Action Plan in order to implement the recommendations from the governance review. It will share the Action Plan with the Scottish Housing Regulator.

The Board intends that full compliance will be achieved by the end of the current financial year. It anticipates that the outcome of progressing the recommendation in the Strategic Options Appraisal will be known by the Spring of 2020. The combined effect of successfully implementing and concluding the current strategy, options appraisal recommendations and Compliance Action Plan is intended to be that full compliance with the Regulatory Framework is achieved. The Board will continue to monitor progress carefully at each meeting and will notify the Scottish Housing Regulator of any material delay. The Board will confirm its compliance to the Scottish Housing Regulator as soon as it is satisfied that all of the necessary actions and improvements have been completed successfully.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Board at a meeting held on 30th October 2019 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

I confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Signed

Date 30th October 2019