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*Dear Eric.*

Thank you for your letter of 23 June regarding adult dependent relatives.

You asked whether there was an explanation for the difference in the number of adult dependent relatives granted under Appendix FM to the Immigration Rules in the periods from 9 July 2012 to 31 October 2012 and from 1 November 2012 to 30 September 2013.

Under the transitional arrangements for the 9 July 2012 implementation of Appendix FM, any application under the previous adult dependent relative route in paragraph 317 of the rules made before that date was decided under that provision. Together with the 12-week service standard for processing settlement visa applications, this is likely to have impacted on the number of applications under Appendix FM decided in the period from 9 July to 31 October 2012.

To satisfy the requirements of the adult dependent relative route in Appendix FM an applicant must demonstrate that, as a result of age, illness or disability, they require long-term personal care to perform everyday tasks and this is not available in the country in which they live and there is no person in that country who can reasonably provide that care, or it is not affordable.

Based on the applications received under Appendix FM, two further scenarios in which an application could meet the requirements of the adult dependant relative route are provided below.

Scenario 1:

The applicant has serious health problems resulting in a need for long-term personal care on a daily basis. This is supported by medical evidence. She was previously looked after by her husband and a friend, but they have now died. The sponsor earns a sufficient amount to look after the applicant in the UK, but is unable to afford the 24 hour care required in the applicant's country.

Scenario 2:

The applicant has various medical conditions, supported by evidence. Until recently he was cared for by his wife. Following diagnosis of a serious medical condition his wife also now requires long-term personal care. They have no relatives or friends who can provide this level of care and they have made unsuccessful efforts to secure care provision in their own country.

W.H. my best wishes.  
J.H.  
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