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Dear Convenor,

I wish to make the Committee aware that a public consultation on the revised statutory relationships, sexual health and parenthood (RSHP) education guidance was recently opened and is now live on the Scottish Government's website and consultation portal. The links to both are below.

Scottish Government website link: <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781835212301>
Scottish Government consultation portal link: <https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/teaching-guidance-for-relationships-sexual-health>

Revised guidance has been drafted following recommendations from both the Personal and Social Education Review and the LGBTI Inclusive Education Working Group. RSHP education is identified as a key strand in work to prevent and tackle prejudice, gender based violence and sexual harassment, through support for development of understanding of appropriate boundaries, consent and healthy relationships.

The public consultation is open for an extended period of 16 weeks, from 3 August 2023 to 23 November 2023, to allow more time for schools to respond without the consultation encroaching on school holidays or adding undue pressure to teacher workloads. We are also putting plans in place for more targeted engagement with children and young people to ensure their views are fed in to the consultation process.

I hope that this information is helpful to the Committee.

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