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Dear Convener,

I'd like to take the opportunity once again to thank you and the rest of the committee for the invitation to myself and to the Minister for Equalities and Older People to give evidence last week on the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill.

As Ms McKelvie mentioned during the evidence session on 22 February, we have been laying the foundations on our commitment to deliver Scotland's first National Transitions to Adulthood Strategy through research and engagement. This has included awarding a short-term social research contract to undertake a literature and evidence review of transitions to adult life, with a particular focus on what disabled young people have said to date.

This review draws upon existing Scottish, UK and International evidence and explores common experiences and effective practice in transitions to adulthood for disabled young people. Findings from this literature review will now form part of the evidence base to support the development of this Strategy and future stakeholder engagement.

I am pleased to inform you that the Literature Review: Transitions to Adulthood for Young Disabled People has now been published and can be found <u>online</u>. This literature review has also been available in several accessible formats, including British Sign Language, Easy Read and Audio.

I hope the Committee finds this information helpful. I will write to you again shortly to follow up on the action points from our appearance at the Committee evidence session.

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Best wishes,

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