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Dear Convener,

I am writing to make the Committee aware of the publication of the **Whole Family Wellbeing Funding (WFWF) Programme - Year 2 Process and Impact Evaluation Final Report and Summary Report**, which are both now live and can be accessed on the Scottish Government's website at the following links:

- [Full report](#)
- [Summary report](#)

The evaluation was conducted by IFF Research and highlights the progress being made by Children's Services Planning Partnerships (CSPPs) through the second year of the Whole Family Wellbeing Funding Programme, covering April 2023 to March 2024. The WFWF Programme is a key part of our work to Keep the Promise, as well as contributing to our work to tackle child poverty.

The report demonstrates that the WFWF Programme continues to support local areas to progress the system change required to deliver holistic whole family support. CSPPs continue to tailor their activities to local need and the report demonstrates progress in key areas, such as improving the delivery of early family support, and enabling more families to access support. In addition, families reported feeling that services were delivered without stigma or judgment.

The report also notes slower progress in other areas, which is reflective of the challenges of delivering transformational change of this nature. As you would expect, a key focus for Ministers will be how we can further support CSPPs within this context and help mitigate these challenges in support of progress.

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The report highlights that CSPPs continue to welcome the support provided by the Scottish Government through the WFWF Programme, and the progress described shows that we are collectively on the right trajectory to delivering holistic whole family support for children and families across Scotland. I know the Committee heard some specific examples of this at its recent session on whole family support in January.

We will continue to evaluate the WFWF programme as we move forward, as well as listening to our partners to understand the realities of delivering this work on the ground and how we can best support them. We are already taking forward a number of the Year 2 evaluation recommendations, as set out in our [Whole Family Wellbeing Investment Approach](#), published in September 2024. This includes; extending the timeframe of the WFWF Programme, increasing the funding direct to CSPPs from £32m to £38m in 2025-26 and 2026-27, and expanding our support offer to CSPPs.

I hope this information is helpful to the Committee. I would be happy to discuss this further.

Your sincerely,

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