



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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Scottish Government

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COSLA Health and Social Care Spokesperson
Scottish Government

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Dear Minister and Cllr Kelly

Suicide prevention in Scotland

The Committee considered its work programme at its meeting on Tuesday 4 February.

As part of that discussion, it agreed to write to the Scottish Government and COSLA to seek an update on the progress of the delivery plan 2024-25, and the commitment to double investment in suicide prevention to £2.8m by 2026.

Following your evidence session in May 2024, the Committee [wrote to you with its findings on 28 June](#) and [received your subsequent joint response](#) to its findings and ten key recommendations on 9 September.

The Committee would be grateful for any updates to the key issues you responded to in September, and specifically welcome progress on:

- measuring the impact of The Creating Hope Together Action Plan
- reaching groups and communities who are at higher risk of suicide, particularly in rural areas, those living in poverty, social isolation and loneliness, and people experiencing gambling harm
- longer-term support for vulnerable people who have been discharged from healthcare settings or prisons (including additional training for prison staff, the review of Talk to Me and other Scottish Prison Service policies to assist those in distress)
- sustainable funding to help tackle the increased stigma which can compound views of male suicide and LGBTQI+ individuals

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- evaluation, transparency and a cohesive approach to collection of data.

I look forward to hearing from you and would be grateful of a response by **21 March 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener