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Convenor
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Dear Claire,

Further to my appearance before the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on 12 September 2023, I am writing to provide additional information to the Committee about funding for the Turning Point 218 service in Glasgow.

As part of Glasgow City Council's (GCC) overall grant funding from the Scottish Government to support the provision of justice social work services, approximately £1.5m per year is provided for a specific commissioned service, the 218 Service. This funding has been provided to GCC at that level since 2017, and was previously provided to the now-disestablished Glasgow Community Justice Authority. While funding is provided for that particular purpose, however, the oversight and management of the service is a matter for GCC, in line with the overall model for community justice.

Community justice funding is primarily based on a local model, with the Scottish Government providing funding to local authorities which then provide or commission services according to local needs. Even where aspects of that funding are targeted at more specific needs, the commissioning and management of those services - including any re-tendering exercises - is a matter for the relevant local authority.

In 2023-24, the Scottish Government is investing around £134m in community justice services across Scotland, and has not asked local authorities to reduce any specific funding within that. The Scottish Government does not monitor any additional sources of funding received by the 218 Service, which would be a matter for Turning Point Scotland and/or GCC.

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I hope that this response is helpful.



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