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Update to Parliamentary Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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Dear Convener,

At his evidence session to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on 29 October, Professor Gregor Smith, Chief Medical Officer was asked to provide an update on discussions with the UK Government in relation to legislation on ending conversion practices. Professor Smith did not have the information available at that time, however, with your agreement, he proposed that officials working on this topic would update you directly.

Constructive discussions between the Scottish Government and UK Government in relation to ending conversion practices are ongoing. There is a mutual commitment from both governments to ensure that people are protected from harmful conversion practices and that effective legislation is put in place. At the same time, officials are continuing to prepare legislation for introduction to the Scottish Parliament should a UK-wide solution not be achievable. Officials and Ministers will continue to engage with UK counterparts and will ensure that parliament is updated in the event of any significant progress.

I hope that you find this update helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Ending Conversion Practices Bill Team
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