



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

Clare Haughey
Convener
Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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Dear Clare

PE2104: End the pause on prescribing puberty blockers to children in Scotland

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to ask the relevant health boards to reassess the decision to pause the prescription of puberty hormone suppressants and gender affirming hormones for children and young people with gender dysphoria in Scotland, and ensure that it is still possible to provide new prescriptions while a review of the decision takes place.

The Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee considered the above petition at its meeting on Wednesday 25 September 2024. At that meeting, the Committee agreed to close the petition, but in doing so to write to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee to highlight the petition and the issues it raises.

[A recording of the meeting is available to view online.](#)

We are aware of the work your Committee has been undertaking in relation to the Independent Review of Gender Identity Services for Children and Young People, including plans to hear from the Chief Medical Officer. We would be grateful if the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee would consider the issues raised by the petition in your work on this area, and in particular consider whether [the information provided by the Petitioner](#) can be used by your Committee during the evidence session with the Chief Medical Officer.

On behalf of the Committee, thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener

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