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## Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP  
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice

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Dear Cabinet Secretary

### **Developing the tackling child poverty delivery plan for 2026-31**

Thank you for your letter of 25 February in relation to the tackling child poverty delivery plan for 2026-31, inviting views from the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on the development of the plan.

The Committee welcomes the fact that the Scottish Government is giving stakeholders an opportunity to submit their views on the key strategic themes included in the plan.

Given its current work programme, the Committee is unable to undertake any additional consultation or scrutiny of the proposed delivery plan or its strategic themes, and as such does not wish to present a view at this stage.

However, I would like to draw your attention to the following inquiry work that the Committee has undertaken this session, which touches on some of the issues covered by the plan:

- [Perinatal Mental Health](#)
- [Health and wellbeing of children and young people](#)
- [Health inequalities](#)

I trust this is of interest and I look forward to hearing further updates as the plan is developed.

Yours sincerely,

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