

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee  
Tuesday, 7 May 2024  
15th Meeting, 2024 (Session 6)

## **Independent Review of gender identity services for children and young people in NHS England – Evidence from Dr Hilary Cass**

### **Note by the clerk**

#### **Background**

1. At today's meeting, the Committee will be holding an evidence session with Dr Hilary Cass, Chair of the Independent Review of gender identity services for children and young people in NHS England.
2. A [final report](#) resulting from the Cass Review, was published on 10 April 2024 and made 32 recommendations.
3. The Review was commissioned by NHS England to make recommendations on how to improve NHS gender identity services and ensure that children and young people who are questioning their gender identity or experiencing gender dysphoria receive a high standard of care.
4. The report describes what is known about young people who are seeking support from NHS England and sets out the recommended clinical approach to care and support. It also makes recommendations on the quality improvement and research infrastructure required to strengthen the evidence base.
5. The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Jenni Minto MSP, [made a statement on 23 April 2024](#) regarding the Cass Review and gender identity healthcare which sets out the Scottish Government's position.
6. It should be noted that the Cass Review did not review clinical services or pathways provided within the NHS in Scotland. At a future meeting, the Committee plans to take further evidence from relevant stakeholders to explore implications of the Cass Review for future provision of gender identity services in Scotland.

#### **Today's meeting**

7. At today's meeting, Members will have an opportunity to put questions to Dr Cass regarding the findings and recommendations of the Cass Review, and potential implications for the provision of gender identity services in Scotland.

**Clerks to the Committee**  
**2 May 2024**