

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee
Tuesday, 17 September 2024
24th Meeting, 2024 (Session 6)

Independent Review of Gender Identity Services for Children and Young People

Note by the Clerk

Background

1. The Committee previously took evidence [on 7 May 2024](#) from 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 review gender services for young people in England and the final report does not specifically address practices in Scotland. However, although some of the recommendations in the report are specific to England, others relate to gender services for young people more generally.
4. Since publication of the final report, the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Jenni Minto MSP, has made statements to Parliament [on 23 April 2024](#) and [on 3 September 2024](#) regarding the Cass Review and gender identity healthcare for young people.
5. On 5 July 2024, the Scottish Government published "[Cass Review – Implications for Scotland](#)" which sets out the findings of a multidisciplinary clinical team established by the Chief Medical Officer for Scotland to consider the recommendations of the Cass review in the context of Scottish services.

Today's meeting

6. At today's meeting, Members will have an opportunity to take further evidence from representatives of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and NHS Lothian concerning the implications of the Cass Review for future provision of gender identity services in Scotland.
7. The Committee is then scheduled to take evidence from the Chief Medical Officer for Scotland at its meeting on 29 October.

Clerks to the Committee
12 September 2024