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Report 1
Health and Sport Committee

To consider and report on health policy, the NHS in Scotland, sport and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport, and measures against child poverty.

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The Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—

1. The General Dental Council (Fitness to Practise etc.) Order 2015 [draft] was laid before the Parliament on 18 November 2015. The instrument is subject to the affirmative procedure.

2. The Order makes amendments to the Dentists Act 1984 (“the 1984 Act”) which provides for the regulation of dental care professionals. While the provisions in the 1984 Act relating to the regulation of dentists, dental hygienists and dental therapists are reserved to the UK Parliament, those relating to the regulation of dental nurses, dental technicians, clinical dental technicians and orthodontic therapists are considered to fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. This is because dental nurses, dental technicians, clinical dental technicians and orthodontic therapists have been regulated since the coming into force of the Scotland Act 1998.

3. At its 1st meeting 2016, held on 5 January 2016, the Health and Sport Committee considered the instrument. The Official Report for this meeting will be available from Wednesday 6 January 2015.

4. The Committee noted that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee had not made any comments on the instrument.

5. The Committee took evidence on the instrument from the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport.

6. The Cabinet Secretary moved motion S4M-14970—

   That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that the General Dental Council (Fitness to Practise etc.) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

7. The motion was agreed to.