The Scottish Government Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill is clearly very welcome for the necessary support for mitigating the consequences of welfare reform among vulnerable individuals and families. On behalf of the Scottish Directors of Public Health (SDsPH) I am writing to endorse the written evidence already submitted by NHS Dumfries and Galloway which is attached. In particular we would emphasise the points raised regarding the need for enhanced work on preventative approaches that remove the need for reliance on welfare by addressing social, economic & health inequalities.

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