

Criminal Justice Committee

Sarah Jones MP Minister for Policing and Crime UK Government

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Dear Minister

Problem drug use in Scotland follow-up: Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility

I am writing regarding the recent publication by the Scottish Affairs Committee of its report on its inquiry into *Problem drug use in Scotland follow-up: Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility*.

The Scottish Affairs Committee makes a number of recommendations within its report on measures to be implemented to reduce drug deaths in Scotland.

The Scottish Parliament's Criminal Justice Committee, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee and Social Justice and Social Security Committee have been working together over the past four years to consider measures to reduce drug deaths in Scotland and to tackle problem drug use.

Members of the three committees will next meet on Thursday, 2 October. At that meeting we will hear from the staff of The Thistle about the impact of the safer drug consumption facility in Glasgow.

It would help to inform our consideration of this issue if you could provide your view on the recommendations made by the Scottish Affairs Committee ahead of the meeting.

If you could please a response by Friday, 26 September, that would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener

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