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Dear Audrey,

Thank you for your letter of 19 September about the recent publication by the Scottish Affairs Committee of its report on its inquiry, *Problem drug use in Scotland follow up: Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility*. I am sorry for the delay in responding.

We are currently considering the report and the Government's response. We are aiming to respond to the recommendations within standard committee response timeframes and unfortunately cannot provide an earlier detailed response. However, we have been clear that we have no plans to introduce drug consumption rooms. We support evidence-based interventions to reduce drug-related deaths and harm, within the law.

We continue to work with the Scottish Government to tackle the threat from drugs and are committed to taking a UK-wide approach to tackling substance misuse. The UK Government recently chaired the UK Drugs Ministerial meeting hosted by Scottish Government in Edinburgh. The UK Drugs Ministerial provides an opportunity to foster partnerships and collaboration across the UK, facilitates constructive dialogue on areas of differing approach and to agree action where appropriate at a UK level.

Thank you again for your letter.

Very best wishes,

Sarah Jones MP
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