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Dear Convener,

## **Violence Prevention Framework for Scotland: Annual Progress Report 2024/2025**

I am writing to inform the Committee that the Scottish Government has today published the [Violence Prevention Framework for Scotland: Annual Progress Report 2024/2025](#). The first [Monitoring Framework](#) has also been published.

The Violence Prevention Framework is targeted at preventing violence from happening and to reduce its harm when it does occur. The second annual report outlines the work undertaken during the second year of this three-year programme to implement the actions contained in the Framework. It highlights the work undertaken by our funded partner organisations to deliver interventions to prevent violence. No single organisation can achieve this alone, so the programme aims to address the underlying causes of violence by adopting a coordinated approach through partnership working, taking new emerging evidence into account, and responding to the trends over time to tackle violence.

Over the past 20 years, whilst non-sexual violence has decreased, violent crimes continue. Whilst overall youth violence has been decreasing, we know that is of no comfort to victims. Over the last 18 months, Scotland has seen a number of violent incidents involving young people, including the loss of three young lives to knife crime. These deaths are devastating for families, friends, and communities. The Government is clear that no form of violence is acceptable and that no-one should carry a weapon, including a knife, at any place in any circumstance.

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I am conscious that while encouraging progress is being made in a number of important areas, there is still much more to be done to fully deliver on the actions set out in the Framework. Both the Scottish Government and its partners continue to take forward our public health approach to violence prevention by focussing on prevention and early intervention.

We will continue to progress this work in collaboration with key partners so that more communities are safe and feel safe, and more people live free from violence and the threat of violence. A further update on the progress of this work undertaken in 2025/26 will be provided in our next annual progress report in 2026.

I hope that the Committee finds this update helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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