



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Daniel Johnson MSP

Via email

11 June 2025

Dear Daniel,

Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

The Committee considered the above Bill at its meeting on 10 June.

The Committee noted that part of the policy intention of the Bill is to give statutory status to guidance about the use of restraint and seclusion practices. The Committee notes that the Scottish Government publishes non-statutory guidance on physical intervention, as referred to in the Delegated Powers Memorandum ([Included, Engaged and Involved Part 3: A Relationships and Rights-based Approach to Physical Intervention in Schools A Relationships and Rights-based Approach to Physical Intervention in Schools](#)).

The Committee asks whether any consideration was given to whether the matters which are to be included in guidance under section 2 of the Bill should be provided in regulations instead.

This would maintain the intention for statutory status, and provide the Parliament with an oversight of those matters which are key to the policy intention of the Bill.

The Committee requests a response to this letter by **Tuesday, 17 June 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

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