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Dear Convener

### **Future of Foster Care Consultation Analysis – Update for Committee**

I am writing to provide the Education, Children and Young People Committee with an update on the consultation analysis of the Future of Foster Care consultation. This work supports the commitment across all parties in the Scottish Parliament to Keeping The Promise.

As the Committee will be aware, the Scottish Government published a public consultation about the Future of Foster Care in Scotland. That consultation ran from 24 October 2024 until 6 February 2025. The consultation set out a new vision and approach for foster care, while also looking to tackle some of the current challenges in foster care. The consultation also sought views of areas for consideration in the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill.

The consultation received 100 written responses, and 21 engagement events were undertaken throughout the consultation period. Who Cares? Scotland also undertook some specific engagement from young people aged 9 – 25. All of the responses and engagement work has been independently analysed. On 11 July 2025 the independent analysis was published on the Scottish Government website and can be found [here](#).

This analysis provides the Scottish Government with a robust evidence base to inform our future work in foster care policy and to Keep The Promise, which we will publish our next steps in due course. As always, we will continue to work with our key stakeholders including foster carers and young people with experience of foster care.

I hope the Committee finds this update helpful and I welcome continued engagement.

Yours sincerely,

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