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Dear Convener,

Publication of the One-Year Review of Physical Intervention in Schools Guidance

I am writing to inform the Committee that the Scottish Government has published the one-year review of *Physical Intervention in Schools – A Relationships and Rights-Based Approach: Guidance*, first issued in November 2024.

The guidance supports education authorities, grant-aided schools and independent schools to ensure that restraint and seclusion are used only as a last resort and within a rights-based framework.

As committed at publication, the review examines whether the guidance has been implemented and embedded across schools and identifies early evidence of improved practice. The review findings provide an insight into current implementation as well as including data on the number of incidents of restraint and seclusion between the period November 2024 and November 2025.

The review's findings will inform the Scottish Government's future work with partners this area and will be relevant to the implementation of Daniel Johnson MSP's Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill, should Parliament pass his Bill this afternoon. I am copying this letter to the Member in Charge.

You can access the full report online at: <https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781807751623>

I hope the Committee finds the review helpful, and I would be happy to provide further information if required.

Yours sincerely,

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