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Dear Convenor,

The Scottish Government has today published the revised Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) statutory teaching guidance. The revised guidance can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.scot/isbn/9781806435715>

This concludes a significant piece of work by the Scottish Government and our key stakeholders in updating the previous guidance that was published in 2014 and delivers on the actions from the Personal and Social Education Review and LGBT Inclusive Education Working Group.

This education is key in equipping young people with the knowledge and understanding of issues like consent, appropriate relationships and boundaries, which can play a crucial role in helping to reduce instances of gender based violence.

The updated guidance also ensures that children and young people develop an understanding of the potential harms posed by the online world and will support them to stay safe and make informed choices about their online and offline relationships.

Yours sincerely,

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