



The Scottish Parliament
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Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

Kaukab Stewart MSP
Minister for Equalities &
Siobhian Brown MSP
Minister for Victims and Community Safety
Scottish Government

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Dear Kaukab and Siobhian,

Non-implementation of legislation

As you will be aware, the Committee has repeatedly expressed concern this session about the non-implementation of certain provisions of the Children (Scotland) Act, Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021 and the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Act 2020.

Moreover, the Committee asked for regular updates on progress towards implementation.

Regular updates have not been forthcoming and as we now approach the end of the session, we would be very grateful for a final update to inform our successor committee on the current status of these provisions.

With specific reference to the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Act 2020, the Committee understands that a revised draft of statutory guidance was sent to relevant stakeholders in December. The Committee was disappointed not to be included in the list of relevant stakeholders and would welcome sight of that draft as soon as possible.

In addition, and again with reference to the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Act 2020, the Committee would welcome information on what data Public Health Scotland is collecting on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Specifically, is information being collected on religion in the context of FGM.

I look forward to hearing from you both.

I would be grateful of a response by **6 March 2026**.

Yours sincerely

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Convener

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