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Dear Convener

Publication of the Creating Hope Together: Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2026-29

I am writing to inform you that the Scottish Government and COSLA's joint Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2026-29 will be published on the Scottish Government website on 22 January 2026 at 9:00am.

Building on progress and learning from delivering our first Action Plan, as well as insights from a range of stakeholders and partners including people with lived experience of suicide, this new 3-year Action Plan sets out the next phase of Scotland's ambitious ten-year suicide prevention strategy, *Creating Hope Together*.

The Action Plan sets out measures to continue to reduce suicide deaths, address the inequalities that increase risk, and ensure anyone with thoughts of suicide can access timely, compassionate support and feel a sense of hope.

The Action Plan focuses on four priorities:

- Intensifying our efforts to support people at greatest risk of suicide
- Building understanding about suicide and capability to respond across communities
- Ensuring access to timely and compassionate support which we know saves lives
- Strengthening foundations for effective delivery through improved data, evidence, and collaboration

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A link to the Action Plan is attached below and will be live at 9:00am on 22 January.

[Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2026-29](#)

I would be grateful if you could bring the publication of this report to the attention of the Equalities Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

Yours sincerely

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