The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Education and Gaelic Committee

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Scottish Government

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Dear Minister

Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill.

The Committee is aware you wrote to the Health, Care and Sport Committee on 1 September providing an update on the future of the proposed Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence (LDAN) Bill which stated that –

> *"While legislation can be an important tool for driving change, Ministers have concluded that progress is needed now through policy reform, service improvement and targeted investment, rather than a legislative process which would take several years to complete and implement. Our focus is therefore on delivering practical improvements now, while retaining the option of future legislation should evidence show that additional statutory measures are required."*

The Committee requests that the Scottish Government provides regular updates on the delivery of those practical improvements in relation to its remit.

Yours sincerely,

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