PE2136/D: Make non-fatal strangulation a standalone criminal offence

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The current position is that in February 2026, the Scottish Government published a consultation ‘Improving protections in the justice system for women and girls’. This consultation is due to end on 31 August 2026 and seeks views on a range of matters including the operation of non-fatal strangulation law. The consultation lays out the current operation of laws in this area and suggest these laws work effectively in being able to respond to non-fatal strangulation. Views can be offered through the consultation and the responses will inform consideration of next steps by the Scottish Government.