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Dear Clare,

Further to my correspondence of 29 January sent in response to the Education and Skills Committee's Inquiry into Young People's Pathways, I am now writing to advise you that the Scottish Government published the Personal and Social Education (PSE) [Review](#) on 23 January 2019.

The Review has identified sixteen priority actions to strengthen the delivery of Personal and Social Education as well as the wider network of pastoral guidance available to all pupils. The recommendations include a new toolkit to improve learning in health and wellbeing; an enhanced support network offering pastoral guidance to every pupil; new guidance to ensure consent education is taught appropriate to children and young people's age and stage of learning and is relevant to the issues that are facing children and young people in today's society. The recommendations also include the development of new resources to support all school staff and pupils, with an initial focus on resources to address the issue of sexual harassment in schools.

The Review has recognised the important and vital role that young people themselves can play in delivering engaging learning. A senior phase PSE Mentoring programme will be established to enable pupils to design and deliver aspects of personal and social education, providing opportunities for young people to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence.

The recommendations will be taken forward through the establishment of a Delivery and Implementation Group, jointly chaired by Scottish Government and COSLA. This group will monitor progress against each of the recommendations, with the aim of full delivery by the end of the current Parliamentary term in March 2021.

I hope that you find this update helpful.

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