



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

19th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 12 June 2018

Present:

Miles Briggs	Alex Cole-Hamilton
Ash Denham (Deputy Convener)	Kate Forbes
Emma Harper	Alison Johnstone
Lewis Macdonald (Convener)	Ivan McKee
David Stewart	Sandra White
Brian Whittle	

The meeting opened at 10.31 am.

1. **Scottish Government's draft Suicide Prevention Action Plan:** The Committee took evidence from—

Dan Proverbs, Founder, Brothers in Arms;

James Jopling, Executive Director, Samaritans in Scotland;

Craig Smith, Public Affairs Officer, Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH);

Toni Giugliano, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Mental Health Foundation Scotland;

Scott Walker, Chief Executive Officer, National Farmers Union Scotland.

2. **Scottish Government's draft Suicide Prevention Action Plan (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the session and also discussed the informal evidence session held prior to the public meeting. The Committee agreed to issue a letter to the Scottish Government.
3. **NHS Governance (in private):** The Committee continued its consideration of a

draft report and agreed to continue consideration at its next meeting.

4. **Preventative Agenda (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed a further follow-up letter to the Scottish Government on neurological conditions.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed a paper from the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 1.04 pm.

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