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Dear Convener,

## **PHYSICAL INTERVENTION IN SCHOOLS DRAFT GUIDANCE – CONSULTATION ANALYSIS REPORT PUBLICATION**

I am writing to inform the committee of today's publication of the [analysis of the consultation responses](#) received on our draft children's rights-based [physical intervention in schools guidance](#).

The consultation took place between June and October 2022. I would like to reassure the committee that we are committed to publishing the final guidance as soon as possible and are reconvening the physical intervention working group to make amendments to the guidance ahead of the planned publication of the final guidance early this summer. In line with consultation feedback, we will work with partners to consider ways in which:

- sections of the guidance can be simplified, without negatively impacting the level of detail required on these interventions;
- the advice on prevention can be strengthened in line with the comments received;
- additional clarification can be provided for some of the definitions; and
- the comments and suggestions on supporting resources, handouts and training can be taken forward in the final version of the guidance or plans for its implementation.

Progress with these next steps can be followed via the physical intervention working group's [webpage](#).

I also recognise that there have been calls for further legislation in this area. Alongside the publication of the new guidance, I am exploring options to strengthen the legal framework in this area, including placing the guidance on a statutory basis.

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I know this remains an area of interest to the committee. I would be happy to provide further updates as this work progresses.

Yours sincerely,



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