General Secretary of Association of Directors of Education in Scotland submission of 25 March 2023

PE1991/F: Develop an educational resource on abortion

The Association of Directors of Education in Scotland is an association of members across the 32 Education Authorities, and it is not possible to present the viewpoint of all council areas on a subject of this nature.

I would offer the professional view that such a resource would not be used in all secondary schools given the content area and the implications for the denominational sector. The petition does not appear to recognise the ongoing work in schools across Scotland in dealing with this issue. This is done sensitively and appropriately both in the classroom and in pastoral settings involving individual young people.