

Education, Children and Young People Committee

Natalie Don-Innes Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise

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Dear Minister

National Transitions to Adulthood Strategy for disabled young people

Thank you for your letter of <u>28 October 2024</u> regarding the National Transitions to Adulthood Strategy for disabled young people.

As you are aware, this Committee has made a commitment to monitor the progress of the strategy as set out in our <u>Stage 1 Report on the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill</u>, to ensure that the strategy will address concerns raised during scrutiny of that Bill.

In our report, published over a year ago, the Committee said that that doing nothing was not an option and that the Scottish Government must address the issues of deep concern to the Committee "as a matter of urgency."

The Committee is therefore extremely disappointed to hear that the publication of the Strategy has been pushed back from December 2024 until Spring 2025.

Whilst the Committee acknowledges the extensive consultation that has been carried out with disabled young people, the Committee notes that any delay in the production of the Strategy will inevitably mean those young people are waiting longer for a positive transitions experience.

Yours sincerely

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