



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

8 November 2024

Dear stakeholder

### Non-implementation of Acts of the Scottish Parliament

I am writing on behalf of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee following its meeting on Tuesday, 5 November, during which Members discussed the Committee's forthcoming work programme.

As part of this discussion, the Committee agreed to explore the implications of delays in implementing provisions from the following three Acts of the Scottish Parliament:

- Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Act 2020
- Domestic Abuse Protection (Scotland) Act 2021
- The Children (Scotland) Act 2020

The Committee is particularly interested in understanding the reasons for these delays and exploring with the Scottish Government its plans for future implementation. Members agreed to hold a session with the Government in mid-December.

As a stakeholder who was key to providing evidence to the relevant Parliamentary Committee during session 5 for one or more of the Acts' passage through parliament, the Committee would welcome any additional insights you may have. Your contribution would assist Members in addressing any outstanding concerns and informing their discussions with the Scottish Government.

Should you wish to make a further contribution and to allow Members adequate time to review your response, we would appreciate receiving any submission by **Tuesday 3 December**.

If you require any further information on the session, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerks to the Committee on the email address as noted above.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



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