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Dear Convener

Thank you for your letter of 16 August 2022.

In the attached annex, I have detailed the strategies and actions plans within the fields of Health, Social Care and Sport that the Scottish Government intends to take forward during this session of the Scottish Parliament. I would caution that the dates provided are very much indicative, subject to engagement with external stakeholders and the urgent business of the Scottish Government.

I hope this is helpful in supporting to inform scheduling of the Committee's future work programme.

Kind regards,



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Action Plan and Strategies	Indicative Publishing Date	Additional Information
Recovery Plan Update	By end of September 2022	
Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan	By end of September 2022	
Health and Care Winter Plan	October 2022	
Digital Health and Care Delivery Plan	Autumn 2022	
Genomics Publication	December 2022	Our genomics publication which will be published in December 2022 will set out our strategic intent for delivering an equitable genomics health service in Scotland. The document will set out our future schedule of publications including our future genomics strategy and implementation plan.
Rare Disease Action Plan	By end of December 2022	We will publish our rare disease action plan setting out a number of actions in response to the UK Rare Disease Framework.
Healthcare Science Education Scoping Review	By January 2023	
Allied Health Professional Education Review Recommendation Report and Action Plan	Report by January 2023 and Action Plan by Spring 2023	
Digital Health and Care Data Strategy	February 2023	
Cancer Strategy	March 2023	
Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Framework	March 2023	
National Strategy for Spiritual Care	Spring 2023	The strategy will cover spiritual care in both the health and social care setting.
Active Scotland Delivery Plan	Summer 2023	The Active Scotland Delivery Plan was last updated in 2018. We have started conducting a review and refresh to ensure relevance post pandemic, the aim is to publish in the summer of 2023.
Tobacco Action Plan	September 2023	

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Improving Wellbeing and Workforce Cultures Strategy	October 2023	
Palliative and End of Life Care	2023	We will be developing a new Palliative and End of Life Care Strategy from this autumn, and this work will continue into 2023. We do not have any firmer timelines at this stage.
Stroke Improvement Plan	2023	We plan to publish a refreshed Stroke Improvement Plan, to replace the existing plan published in 2014 (Stroke Improvement Plan - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)). This will build on the National Advisory Committee for Stroke's (NACS) Progressive Stroke Pathway (Strokes: progressive stroke pathway - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)).
Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy	To be published in the year ahead	
Self-Harm Strategy	2023	
Dementia Strategy	2023	
Mental Health Workforce Plan	2023	

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