

## **Inquiry into teenage pregnancy**

### **HIV Scotland and Hepatitis Scotland**

HIV Scotland and Hepatitis Scotland, as co-chairs of the Scottish Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Framework Voluntary Sector Network, would like to commend to you the consultation response submitted by Caledonia Youth, one of the members of our network.

We feel that teenage pregnancy, risk taking sexual and other behaviours has a key weight of evidence linked to deprivation and inequality. We would like to reinforce that any proposed intervention must include a holistic approach that acknowledges the impact that deprivation has had and indeed will increasingly have, taking into account the likely fallout from the UK Government welfare reforms. The voluntary sector, with its experience in working with marginalised groups, is well placed to be a key contributor to positive change.

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