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James,

I refer to my letter of 30 May 2018 regarding the PSE review.

As the Committee is aware, the Scottish Government committed to undertaking a review of Personal and Social Education (PSE) as one of its actions in the Mental Health Strategy which was published in March 2017. The PSE review is examining the delivery of PSE in schools, the role of pastoral guidance and the provision of counselling services and the effectiveness of the provision of the universal support entitlement for children and young people in local authority schools.

The PSE review commenced in October 2017 and is being undertaken in three phases. I am writing to advise that the report of the thematic inspection of delivery of PSE in schools by Education Scotland which concludes phase 2 of the PSE Review is now available at the following address:

<https://education.gov.scot/what-we-do/inspection-and-review/thematic-reports/Thematic%20inspection%20of%20personal%20and%20social%20education>

We are currently in the final phase of the review which includes targeted engagement with key stakeholders and consideration of the key findings of the thematic inspection to inform a final suite of recommendations.

Further details about the review and notes from the engagement sessions with key stakeholders can be found at: <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/schools-personal-and-social-education-review/>.

I hope this information is useful to the Committee. I will keep the Committee updated as the review concludes.



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