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Dear Gillian,

Health and Sport Committee consideration of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

Thank you for giving evidence to the Health and Sport Committee on 9 June 2020. The Committee appreciates your time and the information you provided.

The following resources are now available from the session:

- [The Official Report](#)
- [Broadcast recording of the session](#)

During the session there were some issues with the sound quality, so we would be grateful if you could check the Official Report from the meeting and come back to us if anything has been omitted or misrepresented from your evidence.

At our meeting on 12 May, a representative from NHS Lanarkshire raised a question about whether an anonymous DNA database could/should be set up, reporting that this may be useful if the same DNA appeared four or five times, even if a crime has not been reported. During the session, we asked whether you had a view on whether an anonymous DNA database would be useful in some cases? You indicated that this was something you would need to examine and come back to us. We would appreciate further views on this matter.

On behalf of the Committee, I request a response by Thursday 18 June 2020 and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lewis Macdonald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue underline.

Lewis Macdonald
Convener, Health and Sport Committee