

COSLA submission of 22 May 2023

PE2001/G: Withdraw the 'Supporting transgender young people in schools' guidance from Scottish schools

Thank you for your letter of 20th April 2023 inviting COSLA to address the issues raised in the petition relating to the Scottish Government's 'Supporting transgender young people in schools: guidance for Scottish schools'.

In 2018, the [LGBTI Inclusive Education Working Group](#) published their report, making a number of recommendations on how to ensure schools were welcome environments for all. This report was welcomed by the COSLA Children and Young People Board, and COSLA officers co-chair the Scottish Government's LGBTI Inclusive Education Implementation Group.

COSLA officers were not directly involved in the development of the 'Supporting transgender young people in schools' guidance. In line with our procedures, the specific text of this guidance has not been considered by COSLA's Children and Young People Board. As such we do not have an agreed position on the guidance itself.

COSLA remains committed to working with our partners through the LGBTI Inclusive Education Implementation Group to implement the recommendations of the 2018 report.

We hope this letter is helpful to the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee in its consideration of the petition.