

# Minister for Public Health and Women's Health submission of 8 February 2024

## PE2067/B: Improve data on young people affected by conditions causing Sudden Cardiac Death

I am writing to provide an update to my response to Petition PE2067, *improve data on young people affected by conditions causing Sudden Cardiac Death*, dated 13 December 2023.

I noted in that original response that the UK National Screening Committee (NSC) does not currently recommend population screening for cardiac conditions associated with sudden cardiac death in the young, and that I had written to ask whether the NSC had plans to review this recommendation.

The NSC provided a response on 27 December 2023, in which they advised that no new peer-reviewed published evidence has been provided to change the NSC's position since its most recent review, in 2019. However, the committee stands ready to review any update to the evidence base and would support any high-quality research into improving the identification and management of people at risk of sudden cardiac death.

The UK NSC will review the evidence again for screening for sudden cardiac death in due course. A date for the start of that review has not yet been finalised.

I hope this further information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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