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Dear Mr Logue,

Safer drug consumption rooms

I am writing to you regarding [recent evidence](#) provided by the Minister for Drugs Policy, Angela Constance MSP, to a joint committee meeting of the Scottish Parliament's Criminal Justice, Health, Social Care and Sport, and the Social Justice and Social Security Committees.

At the meeting of 24 November 2022, the Minister advised that:

“We have worked very hard with our partners, including Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, the Crown Office, Police Scotland and others to develop a service specification proposition, which has been submitted to the Crown Office. More specifically, the Crown Office has been gathering further information, as I understand, from Police Scotland, and it is nearing the point at which it can give advice to the Lord Advocate. You will appreciate that I cannot speak on behalf of the Crown Office or our independent Lord Advocate.”

Could you please provide the Committees with an update on when the Crown Office is to provide advice to the Lord Advocate on the specific proposition for a safer drugs consumption room pilot, the anticipated next steps, and details of a timeframe within which a decision is expected.

Best wishes,

Audrey Nicoll MSP
Convener, Criminal Justice Committee