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## **Publication of the Monitoring and Reporting Summary for Year 1 of the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults**

In May this year, I wrote to inform you that I would be providing £15 million for a second year of the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for adults (the Fund), bringing the total level of investment to £36 million over 2 years.

The Fund supports grass roots community groups in tackling social isolation, loneliness and mental health inequalities made worse by the pandemic. Over 1800 awards were made to a wide range of community mental health projects in its first year (2021/22). These included projects focused on sport and exercise, nature, social spaces, art, and therapeutic approaches; with a strong emphasis on the key themes of prevention and early intervention.

I am writing to inform you that the Monitoring and Reporting Summary for Year 1 of the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund will be published on the Scottish Government website on 28 June. You will be able to find the main report [here](#) and the easy read version [here](#).

The report draws on reporting data provided by Third Sector Interfaces - which deliver the Fund locally – and provides a national picture of Year 1 of the Fund. Specifically, it provides an account of the effectiveness of the process (in terms of how the Fund was delivered), its reach to communities (such the number of awards and their focus on the Fund's target groups) and a range of project examples from across Scotland. Importantly, it draws out learning from Year 1 to help inform future practice. This is currently being used to help inform the National Guidance for the second year of the Fund. Further work will be undertaken across 2022 to draw out the longer term outcomes of the Fund once it is more fully embedded.

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I would be grateful if you could bring the report's publication to the attention of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Stewart', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**KEVIN STEWART**

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