



Clare Haughey MSP  
Convener  
Health, Social Care and Sport Committee  
The Scottish Parliament

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Dear Clare,

### **£15 million funding for Year Four of the Adult Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2024/25**

In light of the positive response to the £51 million we have invested in the Adult Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund since its launch in 2021, I am pleased to advise that a further £15 million funding will be provided for a fourth year of the Fund in 2024/25.

The announcement will be made today by the First Minister, noting that this complements our further £15 million investment in local authority Children and Young People's Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Supports in 2024/25.

Distributed through Third Sector Interface organisations, working as part of local partnerships across Scotland, the adult Fund has supported grass roots community groups to deliver programmes for adults which build resilience and address social isolation, loneliness and mental health inequalities. Projects have focused on connecting people and providing peer support and are delivered through activities such as sport, outdoor activities and the arts. The Fund continues to prioritise 'at risk' groups such as people facing socio-economic disadvantage, people with a long term health condition or disability, older people and LGBTI communities.

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An independent evaluation of Year 1 of the Fund published in July 2023 showed that the projects delivered a range of community supports focused on improving mental health and wellbeing to an estimated 300,000 people across Scotland. It enabled approximately 3300 grants to be made to local projects in the first two years alone. To give an example of local impact, Ayrshire & Arran TSI report that one in five residents have benefitted from the Fund.

I would be grateful if you could bring the additional funding to the attention of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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