



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

Clare Haughey
Convener
Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

28 April 2025

Dear Clare

PE2024: Create a national, public information programme to raise awareness of the impacts of steroids, selective androgen receptor modulators, and other performance enhancing drugs

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to create a national, public information programme to raise awareness of the impacts of using steroids, selective androgen receptor modulators (SARMs), and other performance enhancing drugs (PEDs), which should include:

- *a particular focus on the impact on young people aged 16-25;*
- *working with Community Learning and Development practitioners, gyms, and community coaches to raise awareness; and*
- *developing a public health campaign to highlight the negative impacts of PEDs, encourage regular health check-ups for users, and a screening programme allowing users to test the safety of their PEDs.*

The Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee considered the above petition at its meeting on Wednesday 23 April 2025. At that meeting, the Committee agreed to close the petition, but in doing so to write to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee to highlight the petition and the issues it raises.

We would be grateful if the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee would consider the issues raised by the petition, particularly [the Petitioner's submission of 10 April 2025](#), as part of any ongoing and further work on the cross-committee scrutiny of matters related to reducing drug deaths and tackling problem drug use.

Contact: Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP. Email petitions.committee@parliament.scot. We welcome calls through Relay UK and in BSL through Contact Scotland BSL.

The [Official Report of the meeting](#) has now been published and [a recording of the meeting is available to view online](#).

Yours sincerely,

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

Jackson Carlaw MSP
Convener