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Dear Trina Budge, Marion Calder and Susan Smith,

Thank you for your letter of 31 August 2022 to myself and the Minister for Children and Young People, Ms Clare Haughey MSP, outlining your concerns around Scottish Government publication '[Supporting Transgender Pupils In Schools: Guidance for Scottish Schools](#)'.

I refer you to the previous reply sent on 01 September 2022 from Kirstin Leath on behalf of the Health Equity and Equalities Unit (ref. 202200313393) which provides a comprehensive response to the points raised.

The guidance offers education authorities and schools non-statutory guidance on legislation, policy and practice to inform their approaches to this support. Education authorities and schools can choose to use the guidance, or not, as they see fit.

In addition to the guidance itself, the Scottish Government have published [Equality Impact](#) and [Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessments](#) for the guidance. These have been informed by a range of evidence from a range of perspectives, in order to fully assess the impact across all protected characteristics.

Yours sincerely

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