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Dear Ms McKelvie

**‘UN CRPD – what next for Scotland?’**

As you know, the UN Committee responsible for monitoring compliance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) reviewed the UK's progress in August 2017. In October 2017, it issued a comprehensive set of recommendations in its ‘Concluding Observations.’

You may also be aware that in March 2018 the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) and the Scottish Human Rights Commission (SHRC), in partnership with Inclusion Scotland and People First Scotland hosted a conference for Deaf and disabled people. The Commissions organised this conference to allow Deaf and disabled people to reflect on the experiences of those who provided evidence to the UN Committee and to facilitate the participation of Deaf and disabled people in monitoring the implementation of CRPD in Scotland.

Over 100 people attended the conference in Edinburgh and Inverness. They considered the UN Committee's Concluding Observations and talked about what they thought the Scottish Government should do next.

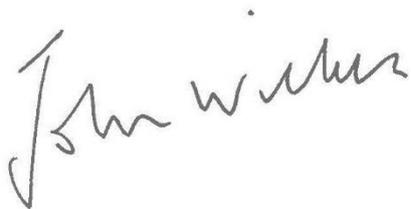
The then Scottish Minister with responsibility for disability, Jeanne Freeman MSP, was invited to participate in the conference but, unfortunately, neither she nor any representatives from the Scottish Government were able to attend. She did however express an interest in hearing the outcome.

The Deaf and disabled people who attended were disappointed the Minister was unable to attend and keen for the points they made to be captured so these could be considered by the Scottish Government. Please find attached a copy of the conference report for your consideration.

The views in the report are those of the people who attended and not necessarily the views of the organisations who planned the conference or produced the report. The report is intended to be a resource for Deaf and disabled people to use as they see fit.

We hope that this report is of interest and that it is a useful contribution to the development of the Scottish Government's response to the UN Committee's Concluding Observations.

Yours sincerely,



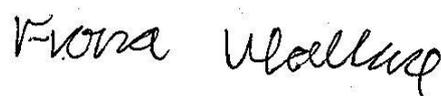
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