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Subject: RE: Agenda - LGBTI Stakeholder Meeting 29/04/21

Hi all,

Following today's announcement from the UK Government on their plans to ban conversion therapy in England and Wales, it would be great to get that meeting in the diary regarding this work in Scotland. I think it was mentioned that late May would work well – happy to provide availability if useful?

Best wishes,
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Subject: RE: LGBTI Stakeholder Meeting

Hi [Redacted]

I'm also more than happy to extend the meeting by half an hour. It would be great to have conversion therapy on the agenda too, particularly considering the recent developments on this at the UK Government level.

Best wishes,
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Extract of minutes of meeting with LGBTI stakeholders - 06/08/20

Attendees

Scottish Government (SG)
Stonewall Scotland
LGBT Youth Scotland
Scottish Trans Alliance
The Equality Network

- Equality Network noted that they are currently focusing on issues around conversion therapy and how they can help.
- Organisations are gathering more evidence and research on conversion therapy. Scottish Trans Alliance noted UK Gov. LGBT survey probably represents the best data on prevalence of practice in Scotland.

Extract of minutes of meeting with LGBTI stakeholders- 6th October 2020

Attendees

Scottish Government (SG)
The Equality Network
LGBT Health and Wellbeing
Stonewall Scotland
LGBT Youth Scotland

- Equality Network Advised they have also been doing work around conversion therapy, noted the recent referral to the Equalities and Human Rights committee from the Public Petitions Committee. Expressed concerns that UK Government won't go far enough in banning conversion therapy and stakeholders are likely to press for SG to go further.
- Stonewall Scotland highlighted ongoing work around conversion therapy. Advised that Stonewall UK are working with UK Government, although at this stage did not have clarity on the scope/extent of plans in relation to conversion therapy. SG confirmed that the Equality Unit have also spoken to UK Government officials about their plans, noted that it was helpful to see the LGBTI sector submission in relation to the petition.

Extract of minutes of meeting with LGBTI stakeholders- 29 April 2021

Attendees

Scottish Government (SG)
The Equality Network
LGBT Health and Wellbeing
Stonewall Scotland
LGBT Youth Scotland
Scottish Trans Alliance

- Equality Network noted that Conversion Therapy (CT) and potential UK Gov. action in this space remains a key concern.
- SG updated stakeholders on party manifesto commitments and outlined the UK Government's (UK Gov.) thinking in this area.
- Stonewall Scotland outlined that UK Gov. proposals are expected within the next few weeks and expressed concerns that legislation introduced by UK Gov. would not be sufficient in a Scottish

context. Stonewall Scotland also noted need for reassurance that SG would be in a position to challenge the UK Gov. and introduce Scottish legislation if necessary.

ACTION: Officials to set up a follow up meeting to discuss CT further.

- Equality Network expressed agreement with Stonewall Scotland and noted positive development to see all five main parties have committed to ending CT in manifestos.
- Equality Network reiterated concerns that legislation passed by Westminster would not meet expectations and noted that based on previous experience, legislation passed by the Scottish Parliament was better-suited to needs. Therefore very supportive of Scottish Government separately legislating on CT.