

Brian Davies
Acting CEO
Sport Wales

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Dear Brian

Inquiry into the public health approach to preventing gender-based violence

The Equality and Social Justice Committee is currently carrying out an inquiry into the public health approach to preventing gender-based violence. Full details for the inquiry, including our terms of reference, are available on our [website](#).

The evidence we have received to date has highlighted the importance of bystander interventions which are designed to increase the ability of bystanders to make safe and effective interventions, and also function to change negative gender attitudes and beliefs. Given that sport can be an important space for work to prevent violence against women and girls, we would be grateful if you could set out your views of the role of bystander intervention in sports. In addition, please could you provide details of any specific work being undertaken to help raise the profile and encourage engagement on this important issue more generally, at all levels in the sporting arena, including work being carried out on governance.

We would also welcome any additional comments you may wish to make in relation to our terms of reference, as set out on our website.

We would be grateful to receive any contribution before 22 July 2023 if possible.

Yours sincerely



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