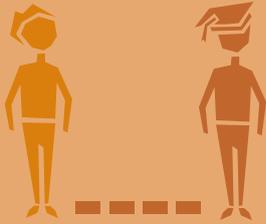


Recommendations



The Scottish Government provides a human rights compliant framework to address child poverty, promote inclusive education and close the attainment gap.



The Scottish Government equalises the protection of children from physical assault by removing the defence of “justifiable assault.”



The Scottish Government increases the minimum age of criminal responsibility beyond the minimum international standard of 12.



Questions for the Government

What actions has the Scottish Government taken to ensure full incorporation of the UNCRC?

What actions has the Scottish Government taken to ensure children receive the same protection under the law as adults in relation to physical assault ?

What steps has the Scottish Government taken to address the attainment gap between children from low-income and high-income households, and to minimise the number of exclusions of those with additional support needs?

What plans does the Scottish Government have for raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility and ensuring that detained children have a statutory right to education?