

Recommendations



The Scottish Government adopts a rights based approach to policy-making and spending decisions that affect vulnerable groups, including cumulative and participatory budget and impact assessments.



The Scottish Government monitors the impact of the National Minimum Wage on young people and promotes a real living wage.



The Scottish Government and Parliament use all available resources with a view to progressively achieving the full realisation of economic and social rights and reducing poverty.



The Scottish Government takes a rights based approach to the development of their ten year mental health strategy, reviews current mental health legislation to comply with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD) and undertakes a root and branch review of the support offered to people with mental health issues.



The Scottish Government and Parliament use their powers to mitigate against the negative impact of austerity.



The Scottish Parliament uses a human rights based approach in their exercise of new powers devolved in relation to social security, taxation and borrowing.



Questions for the Government

Has the Scottish Government undertaken any steps to systematically implement a rights based approach to policy-making and spending decisions?

What action is the Scottish Government taking to assess the impact the National Minimum Wage on young people and promote a real living wage?

Are the Scottish Government and Parliament using their powers to mitigate the negative impact of austerity in the provision of public services, particularly for the most vulnerable in Scotland?

What action is the Scottish Government taking to ensure a rights based approach to the development of their ten year mental health strategy?

What is the Scottish Government and Parliament doing to ensure a human rights based approach in the exercise of the new powers devolved to Scotland (social security, taxation and borrowing)?