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Mental Health Services Inquiry
Royal College of Psychiatrists

We are delighted the Health Committee is looking at Mental Health services in Scotland. We think that there have been real improvements in recent years, including the introduction of the new Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 and the Delivering Mental Health work including the HEAT targets.

However we still think there is much that can be done to make real progress and improve services for our patients. We would be very happy to prepare briefing papers for the Committee if you think this would be helpful and also to give oral evidence if required. We thought perhaps it would be better to wait until you have refined your questions before we prepare a more in-depth response.

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