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South Ayrshire Council submission of 25 February 2019

1. Ensure that all primary schools in Scotland incorporate basic first aid as an integral part of their curriculum

In relation to point number 1 above it is already the case that basic first aid is part of Curriculum for Excellence. The physical wellbeing experiences and outcomes include the following: I know and can demonstrate how to keep myself and others safe and how to respond in a range of emergency situations. HWB 0-17a/HWB 1-17a/ HWB 2-17a/HWB 3-17a/HWB 4-17a. In addition, South Ayrshire has committed to working with the British Heart Foundation to ensure pupils are trained in CPR.

2. Provide funding in order to develop high quality teaching materials on what to do in common emergencies, as well as to establish training and support for teachers to enable them to deliver these skills during short, interactive first aid workshops.

In relation to point number 2, if additional funding were to be made available for high quality teaching materials, I am sure it would be welcomed.

Finally, in South Ayrshire there is at least one paid trained first aider in every school. If the school cannot get someone then they will make alternative arrangements. The school assistants have basic first aid in their remit to support children.