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Dear Professor Anderson and Professor Pollock

I received your open letter in relation to your concern about injuries in children playing school rugby.

The Scottish Government has recently introduced guidance to assist in the recognition and management of concussion across all sports, at all levels and ages, and undertaken an initiative to raise awareness of the dangers of concussion in young people. We currently have no plans to introduce a ban on tackling in rugby in schools, but will always take evidence presented seriously.

I note that the UK Chief Medical Officers have undertaken to review available evidence to come to an informed position and Dr Catherine Calderwood, Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, will respond to you once this is established.



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