



UN Human Rights Council – Universal Periodic Review (UPR) – UK 3rd Cycle

Cover Letter

Background

Alzheimer Scotland is Scotland’s leading dementia third sector organisation. We work to improve the lives of everyone affected by dementia through our campaigning work nationally and locally and through facilitating the involvement of people living with dementia in getting their views and experiences heard. We provide specialist and personalised services to people living with dementia, their families and carers in over 60 locations and offer information and support through our 24 hour freephone Dementia Helpline, our website (www.alzscot.org) and our wide range of publications.

Alzheimer Scotland campaigns to ensure that all legislation, policy and strategies affecting people living with dementia are underpinned by human rights. We use the PANEL (Participation, Accountability, Non-discrimination and equality, and Legality) principles (an approach promoted by the Scottish Human Rights Commission) to demonstrate how human rights may be applied in practice.

In Scotland, Alzheimer Scotland works closely with the Scottish Government, IJBs and health and social care stakeholders across statutory, independent and third sectors to implement a rights-based approach to care and support for people with dementia, their families and carers.

Alzheimer Scotland welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the Universal Periodic Review. It should be noted that as a Scotland-wide organisation, our activity and campaigning focus is primarily concerned with the policies, legislation and other matters subject to the purview of the devolved Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government. Accordingly, the primary focus of our submission is focused on this area and its contribution to the UK’s compliance with Human Rights.

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