## Coaches and coaching wider evaluation

## **Foreword**

This evaluation is the first of our 'wider' evaluations. These look in depth at how the programmes we deliver alongside our partners support the sporting system. We commissioned Ekosgen and re:creation consulting to carry out an independent evaluation of our support to coaches and coaching.

We thank our partners, the coaches and the Coaching Network staff who took part in this evaluation. Their contribution has been invaluable.

## Purpose of the evaluation

This evaluation looks at the support we provide to coaches and coaching. We have three programmes of support: Coach infrastructure, Coach education and Coach development.

The evaluation looks at how this blend of support helped coaches to build the skills, knowledge and behaviours for a world class coaching system in Scotland.

## Our Response

We welcome the findings. This demonstrates the impact our support has on coaches and coach development. It gives us insight into what is working well and how we can all develop and improve.

This evaluation adds to the growing evidence base of data and independent evaluations, providing a robust picture of how the work we deliver alongside partners contributes to the sporting system.

We will use this evidence base to inform our next planning cycle, which we are developing across 2018.

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