

Midlothian Council

Labour Group

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13th December 2022

Notice of Motion

Midlothian Council notes that research has shown that footballers are three and a half times more likely to die of Neurodegenerative diseases and have a five –fold risk of developing Alzheimer's. Midlothian Council recognises the importance for sports governing bodies to take action to protect those currently involved in the game.

The game welcomes the campaign by PFA Scotland and GMB and other organisations on this issue and believes that a neurodegenerative condition should be classified as an industrial injury. Midlothian council agrees and will write to the Minister for Social Security and Local Government urging that they take the necessary steps now to ensure footballers and other sports persons in Scotland who have neurodegenerative conditions can access the industrial Disablement Benefit or its equivalent when this is Devolved to Scotland.

Moved:

Councillor Willie McEwan

Seconded:

Councillor Kelly Drummond