

Dear Sir/Madam

CONSULTATION ON THE REFRESHED PRACTICE GUIDANCE GETTING OUR PRIORITIES RIGHT (GOPR)

Responding to this consultation paper

We are inviting written responses to this consultation paper by 26 September 2012. **Please send your response with the completed Respondent Information Form (see "Handling your Response" below) to:**

GOPR@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or

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If you have any queries please contact Chris Bain on 0131 244 4906.

We would be grateful if you would use the consultation questionnaire provided as part of the **respondent information form** or could clearly indicate in your response which questions or parts of the consultation paper you are responding to as this will aid our analysis of the responses received.

This consultation, and all other Scottish Government consultation exercises, can be viewed online on the consultation web pages of the Scottish Government website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations>.

The Scottish Government has an email alert system for consultations, <http://register.scotland.gov.uk>. This system allows stakeholder individuals and organisations to register and receive a weekly email containing details of all new consultations (including web links). It complements, but in no way replaces SG distribution lists, and is designed to allow stakeholders to keep up to date with all SG consultation activity, and therefore be

alerted at the earliest opportunity to those of most interest. We would encourage you to register.

Handling your response

We need to know how you wish your response to be handled and, in particular, whether you are happy for your response to be made public. Please complete and return the Respondent Information Form attached to this letter as this will ensure that we treat your response appropriately. If you ask for your response not to be published we will regard it as confidential, and we will treat it accordingly. All respondents should be aware that the Scottish Government are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and would therefore have to consider any request made to it under the Act for information relating to responses made to this consultation exercise.

Next steps in the process

Where respondents have given permission for their response to be made public and after we have checked that they contain no potentially defamatory material, responses will be made available to the public in the Scottish Government Library. (see the attached Respondent Information Form), these will be made available to the public in the Scottish Government Library and on the Scottish Government consultation web pages by. You can make arrangements to view responses by contacting the SG Library on 0131 244 4552. Responses can be copied and sent to you, but a charge may be made for this service.

What happens next?

Following the closing date, all responses will be analysed and considered with a view to publishing the refreshed guidance at the end of the year.

Comments and complaints

If you have any comments about how this consultation exercise has been conducted, please send them to the contact details above.

Yours sincerely

Graeme Hunter
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