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Dear John,

Children and Young People (Information Sharing)(Scotland) Bill

In response to your [letter dated 17 January](#), the Committee would appreciate clarification as to the terms of the “short period of targeted engagement” described in [Ian Welsh’s letter to you dated 21 December](#). Specifically, the Committee would like to know which organisations are being consulted, in what manner and to what timescales.

During Stage 1 scrutiny, the Committee heard evidence to suggest that the targeted consultation that informed the drafting of the bill and the illustrative code of practice had not involved in-depth consultation with all organisations representing key stakeholders who, if the bill is enacted, would be involved in the practical implementation of its provisions.

The Committee seeks assurances that the new consultation process will be sufficiently rigorous to ensure that, should the Scottish Government pursue an alternative to the Code of Practice envisaged in the bill, the alternative is decided upon through thorough consultative policy development.

I would appreciate a response to this letter as soon as is practicable.

Yours sincerely

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