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Dear Ms Adamson,

Thank you for your letter of 13 February 2019.

I am writing to provide an update on the work of the Getting It Right For Every Child Practice Development Panel ('the Panel'), particularly in relation to the inclusion of teaching unions in Panel engagements.

I can assure the Committee that frontline practitioners of GIRFEC principles, including those required to act in a Named Person role, have been given the opportunity to take part in the Panel's work.

Susan Quinn, a member of The Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS), the country's largest teaching union, sits as a representative on the Panel. They have therefore been involved in the Panel's work and have endorsed the panel's emerging position as set out in my letter, dated 21 December 2018, to the Deputy First Minister.

Further to this, the Panel organised a period of targeted engagement with key stakeholders. A number of teachers' unions were invited to attend in order to share their views. Those invited were EIS, Association of Headteachers and Deputies in Scotland (AHDS), Voice, School Leaders Scotland (SLS), The National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) and Scottish Secondary Teacher' Association (SSTA). In addition the Panel met with members of the Scottish Guidance Association whose members would be named persons.

I can confirm that the Panel has taken the opportunity to capture the views of stakeholders during these meetings through facilitated conversations and feedback sheets. The views captured therein will be collated and published as part of the Panel's final report in order to be as open and transparent as possible.

The period of engagement has now drawn to a close and the various responses and views expressed are in the process of being collated. The Panel will then need to consider the feedback in the context of the emerging conclusions we have already expressed. We aim to draft a report which factors in our work so far, the stakeholders' feedback and the current legal climate, which we hope to present to the Deputy First Minister shortly.

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I have also included in Annex A, a list of further organisations the Panel have engaged with since the Deputy First Minister's letter to you on 31 January 2019 for your information.

In the meantime if you have any queries please do get in touch with either myself at Ian.Welsh@alliance-scotland.org.uk or the Panel Secretariat at Philip.Canavan@gov.scot.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Welsh'.

Professor Ian Welsh, OBE Chair, Getting It Right For Every Child Practice Development Panel

Annex A

Organisation	Date
Scottish Guidance Association	18 February
No 2 Named Person	18 February