

## Annex A

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 24 October 2017 19:10  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Education and Skills Committee

Thanks [redacted], that's great.  
Plans have changed a bit and I'm now meeting [redacted] along with [redacted] on Thursday afternoon. If we could keep Tuesday at 1.30 pencilled in for a phone call that would be great, but if the meeting on Thursday clears up all/any queries I will let you know and we can cancel Tuesday.  
Best wishes  
[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 October 2017 17:00  
**To:** [redacted]  
**CC:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Education and Skills Committee

Hi Folks  
Yes I can be available at 1:30 next Tuesday, I will be in VQ , [redacted] if you cannot manage to meet here happy to have a teleconference.  
Cheers  
[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] | Health Advisor | Children and Families | Better Life Chances unit | Getting it right team | Scottish Government

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**Tel:** [redacted]  
**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 24 October 2017 11:18  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Education and Skills Committee  
**Importance:** High

Hi [redacted]

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Thanks for your email. Great that you are meeting [redacted] with [redacted] on Thursday. We set that meeting up before we that you are giving evidence. [redacted] can start the conversation about your appearance at committee on Thursday. I can't be there unfortunately because I have other commitments in Edinburgh at that time.

I also have commitments next Tuesday at 1.30 pm (at the National 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Programme Advisory Group meeting) but my colleague [redacted] may be free at that time. I will ask [redacted] to confirm with you whether he is able to meet you at that time.

Yours  
[redacted]

[redacted] | Third Sector Implementation Adviser  
Getting it right for every child Team | Children and Families Directorate | Scottish Government  
[redacted] Area 1D South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 24 October 2017 10:41  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Education and Skills Committee

Hi [redacted]

Sorry I missed your call - I'm involved with our staff conference all day.

I'm giving evidence alongside [redacted], who is meeting the bill team on Thursday morning. Unfortunately I can't make that meeting, but she and I are meeting on Thursday afternoon so she can fill me in.

It would be useful if we could stick half an hour in the diary after that, in case [redacted]. and I have outstanding questions after our planning meeting. Might you be around at 1.30 next Tuesday? Sorry to be so fixed on a time, but my diary between now and the committee next Wed is ridiculous.

Thanks  
[redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 October 2017 10:26  
**To:** [redacted]

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**CC: [redacted]**  
**Subject: Education and Skills Committee**

Hi [redacted],

Hope all is well with you. I called your mobile number and left a message this morning. I understand that you may be giving evidence at committee next Wednesday. The GIRFEC and Bill teams are offering to meet with a number of stakeholders prior to giving evidence to help them prepare for their appearance at committee. It would be great if you could give me a call to discuss whether you and any colleagues who may be appearing with you would like to meet with us before next Wednesday. I will be free this afternoon if you are able to call. Please use the landline number below or [redacted].

Yours  
[redacted]

**From: [redacted]**  
**Sent:** 02 November 2017 13:10  
**To: [redacted]**  
**Subject:** Info Sharing Bill

Hi [redacted].

I hoped we could have a wee chat following on from yesterday's evidence session. Are you free for a call this afternoon?

[redacted]

[redacted]  
Policy and Participation Officer  
Glasgow regional Office  
2 Green Wynd | Glasgow | G40 2TD  
[redacted]

**From: [redacted]**  
**Sent:** 03 November 2017 09:55  
**To: [redacted]**  
**Subject:** RE: Speaking tomorrow

Hi [redacted]

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- Participant Code – [redacted]

Speak to you later

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 03 November 2017 09:42

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Speaking tomorrow

Yes happy to speak then. Just let me know what number to call

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 03 November 2017 09:35

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Speaking tomorrow

Hi [redacted]

Can we do 12.30 instead then? [redacted]won't be available after 3pm, im afraid.

Does that suit?

Thanks

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 02 November 2017 20:24

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** Speaking tomorrow

Hi [redacted]

Good to speak earlier. I'm just on my way back to Edinburgh now after a lovely day with my step-granny for her 90<sup>th</sup>.

I was wondering if there is any flexibility with the time for our call tomorrow? I wasn't really thinking earlier but I volunteer at a club for elderly people on a Friday from 1pm to 3pm and it would be great not to miss it if possible. If 1pm is the only time that works for you and [redacted] I'll make myself available but thought I'd check.

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Speak tomorrow

[redacted]

[redacted]

Bill Team Leader

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 03 November 2017 15:15

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** FW: URGENT: The Why

Thanks – suggested amendment incorporated in text below but overall happy with as it is.

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 03 November 2017 14:41

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** URGENT: The Why

[redacted]

Good to talk earlier. This is the text on ‘the why’ which is currently in the DFM’s draft speech and draft letter. Grateful for any thoughts you might have.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

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The availability of a named person for every child and young person, and the coordination of a child’s plan for those children and young people that need them,

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will remove barriers which currently deny children and young people, and their parents, access to the support and guidance they are entitled to. They will ensure that children and young people and parents are offered help before wellbeing needs become crises.

Put plainly, without this Bill to address the Supreme Court judgment, the legislation to make available named persons and child's plan, which sit at the very heart of the Getting It Right For Every Child Approach, cannot be commenced. Without this Bill, two entitlements for families are put at risk; both of which arose from families themselves asking for improvements in the support they need and want.

We also know from intensive engagement with stakeholders between September and December 2016 that this Bill is required. They told us that following the Supreme Court judgement, many practitioners and families have questions and concerns about information sharing. Without this legislation, there continues to be potential for issues with information sharing as identified by the Supreme Court judgment, including the risk of unnecessary information sharing. I am determined that this Bill will ensure everyone working to support children, young people and families in Scotland will not only do so within the requirements of the law, but will also feel confident in fulfilling our collective ambition to get it right for every child.

We also know that this Bill is needed because Care Inspectorate reports and engagement with stakeholders tell us that approaches to sharing information below the threshold of risk of significant harm to a child are still inconsistent. The status quo is not good enough. The Care Inspectorate report on joint inspections of services for children and young people from 2014 to 2016 underlines the need for improvement in joint working and effective information sharing. None of Partnership Areas or Health Boards inspected were assessed as providing an excellent service in terms of providing help and support at an early stage, assessing and responding to risks and needs, or planning for individual children and young people.

Too many children and families continue to struggle to navigate services and too many children and young people do not get early access to support which could help them to succeed. Relying on the good practice of some and hoping that others catch up will not deliver for every child and young person in Scotland.

That is why the duty consider which is at the heart this Bill is necessary. For the first time, relevant authorities and named person service providers will be required by law to consider the information they hold and whether the sharing of such information could support, promote or safeguard the wellbeing of a child or young person. It also provides professionals with a focus to consider the consequences for wellbeing of not sharing information when consent to share is not granted. As one health visitor put it, 'it will make all those professionals in schools and GPs who don't currently

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share information think about what I do and whether they hold information that could support the work I do with children and families’.

This Bill ensures that the benefits of good practice already delivered in some places become the standard for a coherent and consistent approach for all families, regardless of where they live.

**From: [redacted]**

**Sent:** 06 November 2017 16:25

**To: [redacted]**

**Cc: [redacted]**

**Subject:** Re: Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill - Correspondence from the Deputy First Minister to the Education and Skills Committee

Thanks **[redacted]** - I appreciate this very much. Am I able to share it with any of my Chief Executive Colleagues who are working hard to get support for the Bill?

**[redacted]**

Chief Executive

Aberlour Child Care Trust

On 6 Nov 2017, at 15:40, **[redacted]** wrote:

**[redacted]**

Please find attached a letter which the Deputy First Minister has just sent to the Education and Skills Committee in advance of giving evidence to them on Wednesday on the Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill.

As you will see, this sets out the Deputy First Ministers thinking in terms of next steps and the work and support which will be required to effectively implement Parts 4 and 5 of the 2014 Act successfully.

Please let me know if you have any questions at this stage.

Regards

**[redacted]**

**[redacted]** Bill Team Leader

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 07 November 2017 10:59

**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** EIS

Just on my way back from very good (but pretty worrying) conversation with [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted/redacted], would be good to talk to you about this. Not sure if wider catch up sorted yet but I'll get in touch when I'm in the office in about half an hour

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**From;** [redacted]

**Sent:** Mon 06/11/2017 18:07

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

Hi [redacted]

Yes that's fine. The Committee have put the letter on their website so it is in the public domain now.

Regards

[redacted]

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Tel: [redacted]

BB: [redacted]

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**Entry in calendar of [redacted]**

26 October 2017, 1.30pm

*Title of calendar appointment* Aberlour Meeting

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