

Email chain 1

From: [redacted]
Sent: 02 August 2018 09:21
To: Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning) [redacted];
[redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: GMS on P1 assessment

Fiona

[one paragraph redacted – exemption applies]

[one paragraph redacted – exemption applies]

In finalising the User Review (which we have undertaken to publish later this month) **[one paragraph redacted – exemption applies]** As part of the enhancements we are setting up a new P1 practitioner forum to look in a more systematic way at the P1 assessment experience and gather more comprehensive teacher feedback.

[redacted]

From: Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning)
Sent: 02 August 2018 08:24
To: [redacted]; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: GMS on P1 assessment

[redacted]
[redacted]

Could one of you give me a call about Willie Rennie on GMS this morning? I'm on [redacted] but unavailable between 0930 and 1000.

[redacted], it was said that the SG was asked for a comment and we did not return their calls. Worth checking out.

Thanks
Fiona

Email chain 2

From: [redacted]
Sent: 03 August 2018 13:30
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: FW: Standardised Assessments - Connect survey of parents

[redacted]

You will wish to be aware of this in thinking about plans for publishing the user review. **[one sentence redacted – exemption applies]**

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 03 August 2018 12:26

To: [redacted]; [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]; Bruce A (Andrew)

Subject: Standardised Assessments - Connect survey of parents

[redacted] and [redacted],

Just to flag up the SPTC/Connect survey which I mentioned to [redacted] the other week. We met with [redacted] a couple of weeks ago. [redacted] mentioned this survey. I asked if [redacted] would be happy to share headline findings with the policy team a day or two before they are published – just so that you can prepare the relevant lines, give early notice to Comms. [redacted] said that [redacted] would be happy to do so.



Here's [redacted] email address in case you'd like to get in touch with [redacted].

[redacted]

[redacted]

Email chain 3

From: [redacted]

Sent: 20 August 2018 07:24

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: SNSA letter to Directors of Education

Hi [redacted]

Hope you had a good holiday.

[one paragraph redacted – out of scope]

I was covering off the user review anyway and the letter is clear there will be further correspondence to follow. That would pick up on the detail of the user review and the areas noted by David below.

[one sentence redacted – out of scope] He expects the user review to be published w/c 27th and to have a package of measures surrounding that (Graeme was working on the review over the weekend) Quite a lot of things happened last week. Can catch up when you are in.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 19 August 2018 15:52
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: SNSA letter to Directors of Education

[redacted]

Grateful for a quick update on where we are at with this thanks. Has a letter gone? What were DFM's views when you spoke to him?
Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 13 August 2018 15:04
To: Leng D (David)
Cc: Logan G (Graeme); [redacted]
Subject: RE: SNSA letter to Directors of Education

Hi David

My draft letter picks up on the current political and media interest on the SNSA and references the user review so there is some overlap. The bulk of the letter is setting out LA's responsibilities as a 'controller' in relation to GDPR. We are holding on to the letter until we have met with DFM tomorrow. Let's catch up on Wednesday as we will have a better idea what DFM's views are.

[redacted]

From: Leng D (David)
Sent: 13 August 2018 11:21
To: [redacted]
Cc: Logan G (Graeme) [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: SNSA letter to Directors of Education

[redacted] /Graeme

I had been preparing a letter to go to Directors of Education seeking early engagement in the new academic session. I know that there is another letter being prepared and wonder if we should combine the two into one communication.

I outline the draft of the engagement proposal and am happy for this to be used within one letter if that is preferred.

SNSA follow up

Dear colleagues

Scottish Government will shortly publish the SNSA User Review for 2017/18. It has been a broadly positive first year with a number of successes and also some important learning points particularly in relation to P1.

[one paragraph redacted – out of scope]

[one sentence redacted – out of scope]

We look forward to hearing from you

Happy to discuss

David

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Email chain 4

From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 August 2018 09:37
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Logan G (Graeme) [redacted] >; Leng D (David) [redacted] >
Subject: RE: PfG - standardised assessments

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for this – this is really useful. Just let me know next week how things look. I understand the sensitivities here –anything we draft for inclusion will, of course, be run past you for clearance.

Best

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 August 2018 09:30
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Logan G (Graeme) [redacted]; Leng D (David) [redacted]
Subject: RE: PfG - standardised assessments

Hi [redacted]

As discussed I am responding to your e-mail below as [redacted] is on leave.

The User Review for the SNSA is a document we have developed internally. The review is looking at the first year of of the assessments with particular focus on P1. It also looks at enhancements to the system for the coming year.

Our intention is to publish this w/c 27 August but this is yet to be agreed and is currently being discussed with the DFM. Along with the line about SNSA in PfG we could note that the review has been published. I can come back to you next week with more definite proposals on publication and share the document with you once approved.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 16 August 2018 12:03
To: [redacted]
Subject: PfG - standardised assessments
Importance: High

[redacted]

I am working with the PfG team, looking after the education portfolio. At the moment, we are gathering narrative (not specific proposals for new work) to include in the draft.

We have seen the media coverage of the standardised assessments recently and there was reference to the below in a Herald article this morning:

“A Scottish **Government** spokesman said changes and improvements would be announced soon following a review of the first year of assessments.”

I appreciate this is probably referring to a normal evaluation and improvement cycle, but I wondered if you would be able to share what the timescale for this is and whether it's something that should be mentioned in PfG. Even if the evaluation/review isn't concluded by PfG publication (4 Sept), it might be worth us including a line in the PfG about us responding to that review.

Grateful for your thoughts.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Email chain 5

From: Logan G (Graeme)

Sent: 20 August 2018 08:02

To: Leng D (David) [redacted] ; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: SNSA year one report

Hi David, [redacted] and [redacted]

Many thanks for all the work that has gone in to drafting the year one report. Please find attached a version with my comments and tracked changes. **[1 paragraphs redacted – exemption applies]**

We have agreed to provide DFM with advice on Tuesday, including sight of a further draft of the report, as well as other planned actions w/b 27 Aug. This will include the actions in the advice paper that I sent on 7 Aug. It will also include a draft of the open letter to P1 parents that [redacted] has been working on and comms advice, following our meeting today.

I'd be grateful if we can continue to work on all of this today and touch base tomorrow morning on what else needs to be done before this all goes up later on Tuesday.

Best wishes
Graeme.

[one document redacted – exemption applies]

Email chain 6

From: Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning)

Sent: 21 August 2018 15:50

To: [redacted]

Cc: Logan G (Graeme) [redacted] ; [redacted]; Leng D (David)

[redacted] >; [redacted]

Subject: RE: National Improvement Framework - SNSA User review - Submission to DFM - August 2018

Importance: High

[redacted]

Here is a revised letter – one addition needs to be made. Let me know what you think.

Copied to [redacted] too.

I agreed with [redacted] that we should recommend I write to the EIS asap and that the parents' letter should go out on the same day as the user review.

Many thanks.

Fiona

[one document redacted – exemption applies]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 21 August 2018 11:52

To: Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning) [redacted]

Cc: Logan G (Graeme) [redacted]; [redacted]; Leng D (David)

[redacted]->

Subject: National Improvement Framework - SNSA User review - Submission to DFM - August 2018

Importance: High

Hi Fiona

Please see attached draft submission, User Review Report and letter from the DFM to P1 parents. We are in discussion with Comms on the final version of the letter but I have attached as is currently drafted. We are also aware there are some minor formatting issues in the draft Report. These will be fixed before we send on to the DFM.

We intend to get the package to DFM today. We are trying to tie down an actual date for publication with comms and can amend the submission accordingly once we have that information.

[redacted]

[Three documents redacted – exemption applies]

Email chain 7

From: [redacted]

Sent: 28 August 2018 10:51

To: DIRECTORATE FOR LEARNING <DLECJGL@gov.scot>; DIRECTORATE FOR EDUCATION ANALYTICAL SERVICES <DLECJGEAS@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Scottish National Standardised Assessments User Review Year 1 – Session 2017/18 - published today

In addition, please see news release which includes links to the open letter from the DFM to P1 parents and further feedback received from the EIS - <https://beta.gov.scot/news/improving-standardised-assessments/>

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 August 2018 10:15
To: DIRECTORATE FOR LEARNING <DLECJGL@gov.scot>; DIRECTORATE FOR EDUCATION ANALYTICAL SERVICES <DLECJGEAS@gov.scot>
Subject: Scottish National Standardised Assessments User Review Year 1 – Session 2017/18 - published today

Good morning all

Please see link to the Scottish National Standardised Assessments User Review Year 1 – Session 2017/18 which was published this morning.

<https://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781787811201>

Thanks,

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Email chain 8

From: Bruce A (Andrew)
Sent: 27 August 2018 14:40
To: [redacted]; [redacted]
Cc: Leng D (David) [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: FW: Updated advice on SNSA user review report

[redacted], [redacted]

Thanks for this. I've made a couple of tweaks. Happy for [redacted] to send this out on your advice.

Andy

Andy Bruce
Deputy Director | Leas-Stiùiriche
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 13:51
To: [redacted]; Bruce A (Andrew) <[redacted]>
Cc: Leng D (David) [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Updated advice on SNSA user review report

Thanks [redacted]

I've made one small change to your draft and added in an introductory sentence for Andy – if he wants to use this letter in this way.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 13:39
To: [redacted]; Bruce A (Andrew) [redacted]>
Cc: Leng D (David) [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Updated advice on SNSA user review report

Yes, I wondered about EIS too. I can add a sentence to the draft for DoE that covers the extra material being released.

Here is the draft letter for DoE – I will put in the link once I have it.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 13:14
To: [redacted]; Bruce A (Andrew) [redacted]>
Cc: Leng D (David) [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Updated advice on SNSA user review report

Thanks [redacted]

I am happy to speak to [redacted] this afternoon (or asap if [redacted] isn't around). Should we also alert EIS (courtesy, given we are releasing more of their findings)? **[one sentence redacted – exemption applies]**

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 12:24

To: [redacted]; Bruce A (Andrew) [redacted] >
Cc: Leng D (David) [redacted] ; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: FW: Updated advice on SNSA user review report

[redacted]/ Andy

I have had a chat with [redacted] in Comms re tomorrow. [redacted] view is everything should issue at the same time – [redacted] is thinking 9.30. The package would include:

- News release issued and media being alerted;
- Report being published on the website;
- Open letter being published on the 'Engaging for Education' blog with a tweet being issued to alert people to it;
- A letter being issued to James Parry (Lib Dem researcher) providing him with the extra EIS evidence received and also being published on the website.

DFM will also do a clip for the evening news. It is likely that will happen at 4pm from SAH.

When we were speaking to the DFM about this package it was agreed we should speak to PFS to give them advance notice of the open letter. This is something David would have picked up. With David being unwell who would be the best person to do this?

In addition we should alert Directors of Education this is issuing tomorrow. I will prepare a short letter for Andy to issue. Is there anyone else we should be alerting?

[redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Sent: 27 August 2018 10:08

To: Logan G (Graeme) [redacted] >; Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning) [redacted] ; Johnston P (Paul)

[redacted] >; Bruce A (Andrew) [redacted] >;

[redacted]; Leng D (David) [redacted] >; [redacted]; [redacted];

[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; McAllister C (Colin)

[redacted] >; Wilson M (Mick) [redacted]

Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <DFMCSE@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Updated advice on SNSA user review report

Graeme

The DFM is content with this – he has made some changes to Annex B (see attached). The letter should be made public on Tuesday please.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

[one document redacted – exemption applies]

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From: Logan G (Graeme)

Sent: 24 August 2018 16:57

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <DFMCSE@gov.scot>; Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning)

[redacted]; Johnston P (Paul) [redacted]; Bruce

A (Andrew) [redacted]; [redacted]; Leng D (David)

[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];

[redacted]; [redacted]; McAllister C (Colin) [redacted]; Wilson M (Mick) [redacted]

Subject: Updated advice on SNSA user review report

Deputy First Minister

As discussed earlier this afternoon, please find attached:

- an updated version of the SNSA year one report, following further changes made by the team today
- an updated draft of an open letter from you to P1 parents
- a draft press release
- submission covering handling arrangements and next steps

We would be grateful for any final comments on Monday morning if possible, if we are proceeding with publication on Tuesday.

Many thanks

Graeme Logan
Deputy Director

[Four documents redacted – exemption applies]

Email chain 9

From: [redacted]

Sent: 27 August 2018 12:42

To: [redacted]; Leng D (David) [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: FW: PDF PROOF 2 - SCT0718178892 - User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Importance: High

All

Here is the most up to date proof.

Can we have a read over and see if we can see any changes that need to be made. I've already noticed that there is an issue with the formatting around the graphs at paragraph 10. I will address that.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 11:59
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: PDF PROOF 2 - SCT0718178892 - User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Hi [redacted],

I attach a revised pdf proof for consideration/approval.

Grateful if you could check and confirm if we can proceed to web conversion. Do you have a confirmed publication date as yet?

Thank you

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[one document redacted – exemption applies]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 10:53
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0718178892 - User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Hi [redacted]

Sorry to be a pain again. Please see most recent version.

Grateful for a proof shortly.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 10:53
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0718178892 - User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Final final version for today! Sorry.
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2018 14:43
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Leng D (David) [redacted] ; [redacted]
Subject: RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0718178892 - User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Hi [redacted]

I've updated the document which includes some sharper images of the graphs.
Please use this version.

Could you also send me a web registration form to complete.

Apologies again.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2018 11:35
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Leng D (David) [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0718178892 - User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Sorry – made some final tweaks so please use this version.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2018 11:25
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Leng D (David) [redacted] ; [redacted]
Subject: RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0718178892 - User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for this.

Please see attached a new word version of the report (it was easier to make changes in this rather than comment on the PDF)

Can you please add a front and back page as previously but just PDF the document. This is to ensure that the graphics are not displaying as blurry. It also ensures that the PDF version is an exact copy of the word document as I noticed in the previous proof that one of the graphs flowed over the page and left a gap in between paragraphs.

Any questions just get in touch.

Thanks for your help.

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[one document redacted – exemption applies]

From: Logan G (Graeme)
Sent: 24 August 2018 13:48
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; Leng D (David) [redacted]
Subject: RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0718178892 - User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Thanks for this detailed review [redacted]. In terms of para 84, we should stick to the text currently in the report, which are our agreed lines. Enjoy Leeds! Graeme.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2018 11:18
To: [redacted]; Logan G (Graeme) [redacted] Leng D (David) [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0718178892 - User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

All

Please see most up to date version taking into consideration comments from [redacted] and David.

I will send this off to APS and we should hopefully have another proof by close of play.

Once we hear back from DFM's office it is important that we speak to comms to agree the date and time that the report will go live as a web form needs to be filled in 24 hours prior.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2018 09:38
To: Logan G (Graeme) <[redacted]>; Leng D (David) [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0718178892 - User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

David

A few comments from me. Give me a call if it would be helpful to discuss. Thanks.

[redacted]

[28 sentences redacted – exemption applies]

From: Logan G (Graeme)
Sent: 24 August 2018 08:38
To: Leng D (David) [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: FW: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0718178892 - User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Morning [redacted] and David

Can you both have a final proof read through the report this morning? We need to ensure that there are no mistakes.

If we have not heard back from DFM regarding [redacted] submission by lunchtime, I will phone PO as we need to firm up plans for Tuesday.

Thanks
Graeme.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 August 2018 16:28
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Leng D (David) [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: PDF PROOF 1 - SCT0718178892 - User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Hi [redacted],

Please find attached a first proof for consideration. Grateful if you could check and confirm if we can proceed to web conversion.

Thank you

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 August 2018 08:49
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: Re: User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Good morning [redacted],

Thank you. We will aim for a first proof pdf to be with you this afternoon.

Kind regards

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 22 August 2018 12:45
To: [redacted]; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Hi [redacted] (in [redacted] absence)

Here is the first draft of the report so you can have an idea of what it looks like.
Please ensure that this is treated as confidential.

It is likely that there will be changes to this document in the following days. The 28 August is the date we have in mind to publish this at the moment but this may well change.

Please let me know if you need anything else just now.

Thanks,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 21 August 2018 10:05
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; Leng D (David) [redacted]
Subject: RE: User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Hi [redacted]

Just to keep you informed – we are planning to publish this report at some point next week. We don't have a final date confirmed at the moment but once we do I'll let you know. We will also get a first draft across as soon as possible.

Hope this is okay.

Thanks,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 August 2018 12:20
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Hi [redacted]

Thank you for sending this on.

I just wanted to let you know that this publication is still planned. We do not have a final date agreed yet but I will keep you in the loop. I apologise for not yet having this information at the moment.

Kind regards,

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External Ext: [redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 26 July 2018 10:13

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: RE: User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Hi [redacted],

In [redacted] absence I have picked this up for you.

I have attached an estimate for the web conversion of your forthcoming document and to assist you to raise a purchase order number.

Our estimate is based on PDF and HTML conversion of your supplied word document inclusive of brand check, addition of ISBN, and product code to conform with SG website guidelines.

These costs can be adjusted when a more accurate page count is provided, until then we have estimated this on the basis of 90 pages.

Kind Regards,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 26 July 2018 09:59

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: RE: User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Hi [redacted]

I've attached the form with as much information as possible just now – obviously we will update you as we are close to finalising the report and agreeing on a publication date.

I'll be in touch.

Many thanks,
[redacted]

National Improvement Framework Unit

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 July 2018 14:07

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: Re: User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Thank you [redacted], this is most helpful.

In advance of receiving your final document, can I ask you to complete and return the attached web publishing form to allow me to register, estimate and the schedule for web conversion.

Regards

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 July 2018 11:54

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: User Review SNSA report - for publication Aug 2018

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for the phone call.

As discussed the final report will look pretty much the same as in its final state. We will just need a front and back page with the ISBN number etc.

Hopefully comms should be able to give us a steer on when we will publish the report this week – as soon as we have that notification I will be in touch.

I don't have a draft copy to share with you at the moment but I will try to get one to you shortly so you can have an insight into what the formatting looks like.

Here is the link to the ICEA report – it should look something like this.

<https://beta.gov.scot/publications/international-council-education-advisers-report-2016-18/documents/00537450.pdf?inline=true>

If you need anything else give me a shout.

Thanks,

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Email chain 10

From: McAllister C (Colin)
Sent: 27 August 2018 15:27
To: [redacted]; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Bruce A (Andrew) [redacted]
Subject: RE: Draft press release improving standardised assessments 240818

Happy

Regards

Colin McAllister

[redacted]
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 14:58
To: [redacted]; McAllister C (Colin) [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Bruce A (Andrew) [redacted]
Subject: RE: Draft press release improving standardised assessments 240818

Thanks [redacted]

We are intending to send the letter to DoE's giving them advance notice of the Report's publication later today. The letter will contain the link to where the Report will be available at 9.30 tomorrow. Let me know you are ok with that.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 14:47
To: [redacted]; McAllister C (Colin) [redacted] >
Cc: [redacted]; Bruce A (Andrew) [redacted]
Subject: RE: Draft press release improving standardised assessments 240818

[one sentence redacted – exemption applies]

Colin - is this OK with you? [redacted] and I have agreed the user review should be published at 0930, along with the NR, the open letter to parents (going on engage for ed blog), the EIS evidence and various letters.

Thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 12:15
To: [redacted]
Cc: McAllister C (Colin) [redacted]; Bruce A (Andrew)
[redacted]
Subject: Draft press release improving standardised assessments 240818

Hi [redacted]

[one sentence redacted – exemption applies] I have reattached the news release with line taken out.

[redacted]

[One document redacted – exemption applies]

Email chain 11

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 16:44
To: Bruce A (Andrew) [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter to Directors of Education - User Review Report - August 2018(KW) (003)

Hi Andy

I think this evening would be good.

[redacted]

From: Bruce A (Andrew)
Sent: 27 August 2018 16:34
To: [redacted]; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter to Directors of Education - User Review Report - August 2018(KW) (003)

Thanks [redacted]

Can I just confirm with you, [redacted] and [redacted] when you think it would be best for me to try to speak to EIS – this evening or first thing tomorrow?

Andy

Andy Bruce
Deputy Director | Leas-Stiùiriche
Curriculum, Qualifications and Gaelic | Curraicealam, Teisteanas agus
Gàidhlig
Scottish Government | Riaghaltas na h-Alba

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2018 16:32
To: [redacted]
Cc: Bruce A (Andrew) [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: Letter to Directors of Education - User Review Report - August 2018(KW) (003)

Hi [redacted]

Please see attached letter from Andy to go to DoE. Could this be sent first thing please so they have notice in advance of the report being published at 9.30.

Thanks

[redacted]

[one document redacted – exemption applies]

Email chain 12

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Bruce A (Andrew)
Sent: 28 August 2018 07:53
Subject: SNSA User Review Report

Dear Director of Education,

Please find attached a letter with a link to the SNSA User Review Report.

Kind regards,

[redacted], PA to Andy Bruce.
Scottish Government, Area 2C North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ,
Tel: [redacted]

[one document redacted – exemption applies]

Email chain 13

From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 June 2018 17:00
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
<DFMCSE@gov.scot>
Cc: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport
<CabSecHS@gov.scot>; Minister for Childcare and Early Years
<MinisterCEY@gov.scot>; Johnston P (Paul) [redacted]

Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning) [redacted]
McAllister C (Colin) [redacted]; Higgins K (Kate)
[redacted] Gorman G (Gayle)
[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
Logan G (Graeme) [redacted] [redacted]; [redacted]; Leng D
(David) [redacted] [redacted]; [redacted]; Bruce A (Andrew)
[redacted] Hicks C (Clare) [redacted]; Wilson M
(Mick) <[redacted] [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted];
Communications DFM & Education <CommunicationsDFM&Education@gov.scot>
Subject:

Please see attached submission and User Review Report from David Leng, for DFM to clear and agree handling arrangements.

As per my email just now to [redacted], we had intended to table the User Review Report at tomorrow's Scottish Education Council meeting. Preparation of the Report has been delayed however, so our intention now is for [redacted] to provide a verbal update at the meeting instead which will focus on the changes and enhancements we will be making to the SNSA for next session. We have a room booked in advance of the meeting at **Forthview Primary** school tomorrow if DFM would like to discuss this in advance of the SEC meeting.

Many thanks

[redacted]

[Two documents redacted – exemption applies]

Email chain 14

From: Leng D (David)
Sent: 29 June 2018 09:32
To: [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Logan G (Graeme) [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: FW: SNSA

Colleagues

The EIS survey as promised. I will analyse this before considering how to reflect it in our user review document.

Regards

David

From: [redacted]
Sent: 29 June 2018 09:13
To: Leng D (David) <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: SNSA

Sent on behalf of [redacted]

Hi David

As promised, please find attached the comments from our recent survey which our Education Committee thought would be most useful for us to share with you, both in terms of their content and number. They're grouped by Local Association.

I and my colleagues found the comments to make grim reading often, their tenor very much echoing the persistent warnings that the EIS has given about these assessments.

We hope that your team will give serious consideration to this feedback in your ongoing deliberations around SNSAs, including that related to the conversations that you have with Ministers.

Best wishes

[redacted]
Administrative Assistant
Education and Equality Dept

[Five documents redacted – exemption applies]

Email chain 15

From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 June 2018 16:29
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: National Improvement Framework - SNSA User review - 201718 Final

[redacted]

Colin is off sick today. Graeme is keen that we get it moving though so I am just off the phone with [redacted] and have agreed a form of words for the handling advice [one sentence redacted – exemption applies] Please shout quickly if you're not happy with any of that!

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 June 2018 09:45
To: McAllister C (Colin)
Cc: [redacted]; Leng D (David); [redacted]
Subject: RE: National Improvement Framework - SNSA User review - 201718 Final

Hi Colin

Have you had the opportunity to consider the SNSA report further? Would be helpful to catch up on this when you are available.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 13 June 2018 16:06

To: McAllister C (Colin) [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]; Leng D (David); [redacted]

Subject: National Improvement Framework - SNSA User review - 201718 Final

Hi Colin

As discussed here is a more polished version of the report amended with publication in mind.

I know you want to consider the issue and timing of publication further. I have copied [redacted] and [redacted] as they will want to be involved in that discussion.

[redacted]

[one document redacted – exemption applies]

Email chain 16

From: [redacted]

Sent: 18 June 2018 13:06

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Teacher Panel - 26 June - REQUEST FOR PAPERS

[redacted] – are you happy with this as background for DFM briefing? I haven't managed to get a hold of Colin. Will be off line shortly for hospital but can log on later.

[redacted]

[Three paragraphs redacted – exemption applies] Background

The SNSA team undertook a user review the experience of learners and teachers from year 1 of the implementation of the assessments. This review had particular focus on P1 assessments as these have received the most comments, the raising of concerns on social media etc. The review was conducted by means of focussed sessions in schools across a number of local authorities which included observing assessments in action and speaking to head teachers, teachers as well as children and young people on their experience of the assessments. Both EIS and AHDS provided feedback based on the experience of their members carrying out the assessments. In addition, information was formally gathered by ACER the SNSA

supplier which covered: assessments completion statistics, norming study analysis, equating study analysis, training participation and evaluation, service desk logged calls and psychometric data and analysis.

We are in discussions with SPADs about the timing of the publication of the report. Advice will send to DFM shortly. A verbal update will be provided at the teacher panel.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 June 2018 12:04
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Teacher Panel - 26 June - REQUEST FOR PAPERS

[redacted],

I was out of the office on Friday so [redacted] didn't catch me. I am happy to go ahead without a paper but could you provide me with some short background and a line explaining the absence of a paper. I can then add this to DFM's briefing.

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 18 June 2018 12:01
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Teacher Panel - 26 June - REQUEST FOR PAPERS

Hi [redacted]

I understand [redacted] discussed this with you on Friday? We do not have a definitive position on what is happening with our user review report (this is still being discussed with SPADs) therefore we do not have a paper to present at present.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 18 June 2018 11:44
To: Gorman G (Gayle) [redacted]; Leng D (David) [redacted] >; [redacted]; Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning) [redacted]
Gorman G (Gayle) [redacted]; Leng D (David) [redacted] >; [Redacted] Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning) [redacted]

Cc: Bruce A (Andrew) [redacted] >
Subject: Fw: Teacher Panel - 26 June - REQUEST FOR PAPERS

Gayle/ David / [redacted],

I would be grateful if you could provide a short paper as requested in the email below by close today. I am hoping to get papers issued to the DFM and Panel members by tomorrow.

Andy, **[one sentence redacted – out of scope]**

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Monday, 4 June 2018 15:28

To: Gorman G (Gayle); [redacted]; Leng D (David); [redacted]

Cc: Armstrong A (Alan); Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning); Hicks C (Clare); Bruce A (Andrew); Wilson M (Mick); Logan G (Graeme); [redacted]

Gayle/[redacted] / David / [redacted],

You will see that the DFM has agreed the following agenda for the next Teacher Panel between 12 – 2 on 26 June 2018:

1. Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSAs)

[Three paragraphs redacted – out of scope]

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] | Curriculum Development Policy Manager; and Education and Skills Committee Liaison Officer|Learning Directorate|The Scottish Government

[redacted]

[redacted].

Area 2B North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Sent: 01 June 2018 11:47

To: [redacted]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Cc: Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning); Logan G (Graeme); Wilson M (Mick); Bruce A (Andrew); Gorman G (Gayle); Hicks C (Clare); [redacted] ; Leng D (David); [redacted] ; [redacted] ; [redacted] ; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Teacher Panel - Proposed Agenda for 26 June 2018 and clearance on minute from last meeting

[redacted],

DFM is content with the agenda and minute

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] | Private Secretary Depute to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | [redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 31 May 2018 14:57

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Cc: Robertson FMG (Fiona) (Director of Learning); Logan G (Graeme); Wilson M (Mick); Bruce A (Andrew); Gorman G (Gayle); Hicks C (Clare); [redacted]; Leng D (David); [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

Subject: Teacher Panel - Proposed Agenda for 26 June 2018 and clearance on minute from last meeting

PS/Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Please find attached the draft minute of the last Teacher Panel meeting and a proposed agenda for the next meeting. Mr Swinney is invited to consider and agree that he is content with both.

[Two paragraphs redacted – out of scope]

Minute of last meeting

[one document redacted – exemption applies]

Proposed agenda for the next meeting

1. Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSAs)

[Five paragraphs redacted – out of scope]

Thanks

[redacted] | Curriculum Development Policy Manager; and Education and Skills Committee Liaison Officer|Learning Directorate|The Scottish Government

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Email chain 17

From: Leng D (David)

Sent: 03 June 2018 18:43

To: [redacted]; [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]
Subject: SNSA feedback

Hi [redacted] / [redacted]

At our recent NIF Professional Association meeting, you both indicated that you had feedback from your members of their SNSA experience. I am in the process of completing the SNSA User feedback review and would be keen to see your feedback before submitting.

I look forward to hearing from you

David

David Leng

Scottish National Standardised Assessment Product Owner
Scottish Government \ Learning Directorate \2-C North \ Victoria Quay \
EDINBURGH \ EH6 6QQ
Mobile: [redacted]
e-mail: [redacted]

Email chain 18

From: Logan G (Graeme)
Sent: 25 June 2018 08:26
To: Leng D (David) <[redacted]>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]
Subject: SNSA review report

Morning David and Colleagues

[1 paragraph redacted – exemption applies] Given that the FM confirmed at FMQs last week that we will be publishing a review of the SNSA year one experience in August, I think it would be helpful to discuss the process for pulling this together, including the evidence base, context of the report and handling plan.

Given that colleagues will have leave over July and in to August, I would like us to meet this week to discuss and agree a way forward.

I'll ask [redacted] to set up a 45 minute meeting at VQ before the end of this week.

Thanks
Graeme.

Email chain 19

From: Logan G (Graeme)
Sent: 27 June 2018 13:05

To: [redacted] [redacted]; Leng D (David)

Dear Janie and [redacted]

[1 paragraph redacted – exemption applies] The First Minister confirmed at FMQs last week that we will publish a report in August based on year one of the use of SNSA within the context of the BGE assessment model. The report will highlight what has worked well and areas which will be improved around the use of SNSA in year two. It will draw on a range of evidence including fieldwork visits, calls to Directors of Education, analytics provided by ACER, etc.

We will be providing advice to DFM on our thinking around the nature, content and scope of the report in late July, with a publication date around mid-August.

Happy to discuss further. Many thanks, Graeme.

Graeme Logan
Deputy Director of Learning
The Scottish Government

[redacted]
[redacted]

Email chain 20

From: Logan G (Graeme)
Sent: 21 August 2018 14:28
To: Wilson M (Mick) [redacted] ; [redacted]; Leng D (David)
Subject: SNSA user report year one

Hi Mick
Can you check the wording in the para below from the draft SNSA user report? Many thanks, Graeme.

[one paragraph redacted – exemption applies]

Email chain 21

From: Logan G (Graeme)
Sent: 24 August 2018 15:45
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: SNSA report

Thanks [redacted]. Please see our suggested changes. I'd like to include this in a note to DFM at 1630 if that is OK with you? He wanted everything in one email.
Graeme.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 August 2018 14:51
To: Logan G (Graeme) <[redacted]> [redacted]
Subject: RE: SNSA report

Graeme

Yes, was just about to hit send. This is an updated version so pls cast an eye over it, and I'll share with Colin

[redacted]

[14 paragraphs redacted – exemption applies]

From: Logan G (Graeme)
Sent: 24 August 2018 14:48
To: [redacted]
Subject: SNSA report

Hi [redacted]

I've just spoken to DFM and he would like to see the full package on SNSA by close of play today (submission, draft P1 parent letter, draft press release, revised version of the report)

Can you please send me the latest version of the press release for inclusion in the email that will go up tonight?

Thanks
Graeme.