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Your email was passed to me by my colleague [REDACTED] in Business Support.

Thank you for your interest in the research *Child Welfare Hearings: A scoping study of the commissioning, preparation and use of Bar Reports*.

The findings of the research were discussed at a meeting on Tuesday 18 January between ourselves and a number of representatives from organisations such as the Law Society, Family Law Association, Sheriff's Association, Scottish Legal Aid Board etc.

I shall send through the minutes this week once finalised. It was a meeting based on general discussion, rather than firm action points. As you shall see from the minutes, the issues discussed are complex and wide ranging and will need further discussion.

I would be happy to include the Professional Association of Social Workers in Scotland in future meetings, your input from a social work/non-lawyer point of view would be useful and gratefully received.

I will be in touch.

Kind Regards

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Hi [REDACTED]

Query regarding the Child Welfare Hearings publication.

Thanks

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This is a very interesting piece of research and I was wondering if it is going to be promoted, debated or lie on the computer gathering dust!

From the professional association of social workers in Scotland we would be keen to be involved in how this is progressed

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Research Findings: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/01/18132523/0>

Report: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/01/07142042/10>

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