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**RE: VWJR Bill - CSAE amendment - correspondence from Alexis Jay - CSAE update following recent meetings**

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MPOS,

Please find attached the Minute for the Meeting with Ms Brown and Ms Don-Innes and co chairs of CSAE Meeting on 1 October and the Minute from the National CSAE group meeting on 8 October.

These minutes will provide an update on latest position as requested by Ms Constance. Please find below a summary of key points from both meetings:

**Meeting with CSAE group co-chairs on 1 October**

- Co-chair Iona Colvin updated on priorities for the group, which includes data and workforce confidence and skills and the next meeting of the CSAE group (8 October) will be focused Mandatory Reporting
- Co-chair Sarah Taylor provided a Police Scotland update on the challenges of capturing CSAE data across public protection systems and Police Scotland are working with the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) to understand the NPCC's group-based methodology investigation to inform the Scottish Police investigation.
- There was a discussion around a need to have an effective information sharing system – with local inter-agency referral discussions (IRD) an effective basis to look at opportunities for improvements.
- Compared to UK, Scotland benefits from all agencies following national guidance, however there are concerns around national consistency. [section 29(1)(a)].

- Police Scotland group-based investigation will be working at pace following engagement with NPCC – it was noted their data only goes back to 2013 when Police Scotland was formed.
- UKG are developing a Child Protection Agency to create consistency of service provision and training, this work is underway in Scotland through the CSAE Group workforce deep dive sub-group and a CSAE data roundtable.
- Iona advised that work is underway to consider alternatives to a national inquiry into group-based child sexual abuse, with discussions held with Professor Alexis Jay including potential survey work and exploration of local case-files.

### **National CSAE group meeting on 8 October**

- Co-chair provided a clarification that Professor Alexis Jay on calls for further inquiries into child sexual abuse referenced in the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill debate were in the context of her work on the Independent Inquiry in England and Wales and was not related to the debate on the Victims Bill or the position in Scotland.
- Police Scotland provided an update on their investigation into group-based abuse in Scotland – concluding that there were no current large-scale investigations known to Police Scotland that meet the definition of group-based abuse as outlined in Baroness Casey’ audit in England and Wales. Work was underway to carry out a self assessment across seven thematic areas: victims and survivors; data analysis; investigations; training and development; partnerships; disruption; and investigative resources. Police Scotland advised that work was also underway to align Police Scotland recording systems to capture ethnicity data for suspects.
- Co-chairs updated the group on work to look at alternatives to an inquiry and will engage with the group, local leaders and survivors as options are developed. It was agreed an extraordinary meeting would be held in November to discuss this – meeting will be on 25 November.
- SG’s Chief Statistician updated on the CSAE data roundtable and the challenges sharing and gathering data. Members welcomed data being a priority for the group and several offered to share their data sources as the work progressed.
- The Workforce Deep Dive group provided an update on work of the group over the summer, with agreement from the group to become a permanent sub-group rather than a short term group, and for the group to start work on focus groups to engage practitioners.
- There was general consensus across the CSAE Group in support of some form of Mandatory Reporting in the context of CSAE, although two partners were more cautious.[section 29(1)(a)] Scottish Government representatives highlighted that further work will be carried out to develop models from existing IICSA and UK Government models for the CSAE Group to consider key issues. The Co-chair proposed setting up a task and finish group to develop options for the CSAE Group’s consideration. This was agreed by the Group.

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Ms Constance has noted and would appreciate an update following the meeting.

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- [section 30(b)(i)]

It should be noted that Alexis will also be lending her expertise to the Group as part of its substantive discussions on mandatory reporting, and will provide a preface setting out her view of the UKG approach to this issue and the key issues the Group should focus discussion on. We are also involved in discussions with Alexis on options for scrutiny of local approaches and responses to CSAE, which she is keen to support us with as part of our ongoing response to the Casey Audit.

Best wishes,  
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**Attachment:**

Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs

Dear Ms Constance,

I write with reference to your statement earlier this week in the Scottish Parliament about a proposed amendment to the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill by Liam Kerr, MSP.

You correctly quoted me as saying ‘people should just get on with ‘ action on child sexual exploitation. I made this comment on January 7 of this year in the context of the England and Wales Public Inquiry on Child Sexual Abuse, which I chaired, on which little had been done at that time to progress my final recommendations. My statement followed an intervention by Elon Musk.

It had nothing to do with Mr Kerr’s amendment, or the position in Scotland, as could be interpreted from your statement. I have expressed no views on Mr Kerr’s amendment, but I am of the opinion that the Scottish Government should urgently take steps to establish reliable data about the nature and extent of child sexual exploitation by organised networks, of which so-called ‘grooming gangs’ is only one component. In the context of the national strategic group, I have had discussions with officials about how this might be achieved.

I would appreciate my position being clarified.

Yours sincerely  
Alexis Jay

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**Minute of Meeting between Minister for Children, Young People, and The Promise, Minister for Victims and Community Safety and co-chairs of the National Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (CSAE) Strategic Group**

**Wednesday 1 October 2025**

**Attendees**

Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise  
Minister for Victims and Community Safety  
Andrew Watson, Director for Children and Families  
Iona Colvin, Chief Social Worker, Scottish Government  
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## **Background**

1. Ministers asked to meet with the National CSAE Strategic Group to understand what progress the group is making. As a first step officials proposed meeting with the co-chairs and attending a group meeting at a later date.

## **General introduction**

### **Minute**

2. Iona Colvin provided an update on the priorities for the group. She highlighted challenges in key areas including data and workforce confidence and skills. The CSAE group are identifying opportunities to increase workforce capability and, through the National Public Protection Leadership (NPPLG) Group, surveying to understand the gaps. Mandatory Reporting (MR) will be the main focus of the next CSAE meeting [section 30(b)(i)].
3. Sarah Taylor provided a Police Scotland (PS) update, advising that data is difficult to capture across all public protection systems as there are 32 local authorities, 14 health boards and 13 PS divisions. She advised that the Casey Audit is driving work for forces in England and Wales to look at improving data. [section 30(b)(i)].
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9. [section 309b)(i)] Iona advised that work is underway to consider alternatives which would provide assurance on local responses to CSAE in Scotland, and would complement Police Scotland's review of investigations. [section 30(b)(i)] This underlines the need to explore alternatives for Scotland. Iona set out that discussions are underway with Professor Alexis Jay on approaches used by the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA). [section 30(b)(i)]
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## National CSAE Group – Minute – 8 October 2025

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### National Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Group - 10th June Meeting - Ministerial Update

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Good morning,

Please find an update on the National Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (CSAE) Strategic Group on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. In brief:

- Group discussed engagement with lived experience groups including the Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse Cross Party Group, and intention for co-chairs to attend a September meeting [section 30(b)(i)]
- The Group discussed the importance of reviewing The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) recommendations from a Scottish perspective and agreed this would be carried out and discussed at the September meeting.

- Group finalised and agreed prevention framework to support its work (attached for reference).
- The group discussed links between CSAE and criminally exploited children and welcomed an exploration of links. There was discussion around streamlining groups, continuing previous discussions on this. Co-chairs agreed to meet with the Serious Organised Group to better understand the links between the two groups.
- CSAE Group previously agreed a deep dive approach to develop recommendations for each of the priority areas (education as prevention, workforce education and training, and recovery services). The first one is workforce, with co-chairs for the group two members from the strategic group: Lucy Faithful Foundation's Stuart Allardyce and Social Work Scotland's Michelle McCargo. The Co-chairs of the deep dive group set out the remit and plans inviting the group to discuss. Key discussion points included:
  - Ensuring a multidisciplinary approach that is wider than just formal learning to include supervision and coaching.
  - Important to link in with existing research and activity happening elsewhere in other groups and organisations
  - Carrying out a stocktake of each workforce to understand the current position and identify gaps.
  - Ensuring the survivor voice is part of this work will provide their experience of the multiagency systems

**Next Steps:**

- The co-chairs of the deep dive group have invited nominated individuals to two meetings in July and August and will then report back to the group at the next meeting in September/October.
- [section 30(b)(i)]
- [section 30(b)(i)]
- We are drafting the minutes for the meeting and will share them once they are finalised
- [section30(b)(i)]

We will provide Ministers with further updates in due course.

Regards,

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# Prevention approach to our Priorities

- What are the outcomes that we want to see for each priority

	Education as prevention	Workforce education and training	Recovery and survivor support and services
<b>Primary prevention</b> <i>Prevent CSAE before it occurs across the whole population (reduce risk)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are consistent audience/ setting appropriate info on CSAE and its impact (Key messages are developed for all age ranges, carers/families and bystanders)</li> <li>• The public are knowledgeable about where/how to raise CSAE concerns</li> <li>• The current review of RSHIP in education considers the equity and quality of delivery in schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our broader public service workforce have a shared understanding to recognise CSAE</li> <li>• The workforce know how to report and escalate CSAE concerns to protect CYP</li> <li>• The workforce have knowledge of prevention and early intervention approaches and services including focused approaches for those who cause harm</li> <li>• Some of the workforce have an enhanced role and specialist knowledge to prevent and detect CSAE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review existing evidence and listen to those impacted by CSAE including young people to learn about prevention of CSAE.</li> </ul>
<b>Secondary prevention</b> <i>Identify and address those at risk of CSAE or further harm (response)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced awareness of the public in relation to specific risk factors in CSAE, for example disability, childhood adversity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialist training to provide timely intervention/ response to CSAE available</li> <li>• Specialist training for some in the workforce on potential focused approaches for those who cause harm</li> <li>• There are consistent and trauma-informed processes across specialist workforces</li> <li>• The workforce are aware of place-based prevention approaches and community settings in which CSAE may occur (sport, faith organisations, schools, residential settings) and take action to prevent this</li> <li>• Services recognise and address needs of at-risk groups and multiple risk factors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is consistent and timely access to appropriate services for CSAE victims offering range of approaches/ interventions</li> <li>• CYP impacted by CSAE or HSB (and carers/families) know how to access support</li> <li>• CYP and carers/families understand their rights and entitlements as victims of CSAE</li> </ul>
<b>Tertiary prevention</b> <i>Provide support and prevent further CSAE harm (recover, protect, disrupt, deter)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYP and carers/families are supported to understand what ongoing support options are available in their local area</li> <li>• targeted education interventions are available to reduce risk of harm caused by adults and CYP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is understanding of the impact of CSAE and ongoing support needs of those impacted by CSAE</li> <li>• Specialist training on evidence-based care support and interventions is available</li> <li>• Specialist training and targeted interventions including focused interventions to manage those causing harm and prevent future harm are available for adult and young people (under 18) and children whose behaviour may be causing harm to others including sibling sexual abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYP and carers/families impacted by CSAE are helped to recover, have better outcomes and risk of further harm is reduced</li> <li>• The role of specialist mental health services i.e. CAMHS in abuse recovery is clear</li> <li>• There is consistent and available provision of local survivor support services for CYP and carers/families impacted by CSAE</li> <li>• Local services monitor the recovery and risk of CYP and carers/families impacted by CSAE via local <i>Grifec</i>/child's planning processes</li> </ul>

## ‘Deep dive’ approach

- Expert practitioner- and evidence- led
- Focused, flexible and rapid group work
- Explore each priority through these lenses:

Existing Local and National (Scotland/UK) Practice and Policies
Legislation
Data
Evidence base including inquiry findings and international landscape to include specific evidence for each deep dive and aligned to the outcome framework
Survivors, At-Risk and Children & Young People perspectives
Familial and/or non-familial harms and the impact of technology on emerging and current risks.

- Aim to identify, scrutinise and recommend potential actions
- Report to CSAE Strategic Group for consideration and prioritisation

## Timeline

- **June:**
  - Deep dive discussion at 10<sup>th</sup> June [CSAE Meeting](#) to agree approach
  - Nominations agreed for deep dives and invites to meetings issued
  - Begin preparation of materials for ‘deep dives’ e.g. evidence/ data/ practice review seeking input from Group members
- **July/August**
  - Two facilitated ‘deep dive’ meeting (as per Slide 2)
- **September**
  - Report progress to Strategic Group for discussion
  - Strategic Group decision on next steps and continuation of ‘deep dive’ approach as required

## Proposed approach

- Given the complexity of each priority, and to test our approach, **it is suggested that one priority is selected** in the first instance for a ‘deep dive’.
  - Reflecting discussions by the Group of priority need/ potential impact **‘Workforce Education and Training’** is suggested as the initial focus.
  - The ‘deep dive’ participants should be **multiagency and practice experts**. It is expected that each individual ‘deep dive’ will require different expertise.
  - It is proposed **‘deep dives’ are chaired by practitioners** with CELCIS/ SG providing support e.g. secretariat, evidence/ data preparation etc.
  - As we consider our approach to lived experience engagement on the Group’s work, it is proposed we seek feedback from the **Cross Party Group on Adult Survivors** on the priorities identified by the Group in the first instance.
  - It is noted consideration of **existing evidence and resources on lived experience** is proposed to be part of each ‘deep dive’.
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## **SENT ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL CSAE STRATEGIC GROUP CO-CHAIRS**

Dear colleagues,

We are reaching out following the publication of Baroness Casey's Audit on Group-based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in England and Wales. You and your organisation will no doubt be in a similar position to our agencies, and are still considering the report and the UK Government's subsequent response to its recommendations. On a personal level, we are also sure that like us, you are moved by the tragic findings of the Audit which reminds us of the importance of our work to tackle child sexual abuse and exploitation, wherever it occurs or whatever form it takes.

While the Audit focuses on a specific set of circumstances that we understand from our frontline operations and intelligence may not necessarily be directly comparable in Scotland, a number of Baroness Casey's findings link to challenges previously identified by other reviews, and those identified in our shared discussions. For example, as agreed at our most recent meeting, work is being taken forward on behalf of the Group to review and consider our progress against the recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in England and Wales in a Scottish context.

Work is already underway across Scottish Government and Police Scotland in response to the Audit, and outputs will be shared with the Group for its consideration when these are available in the coming weeks. We are also conscious of the demands facing frontline practitioners and the capacity pressure they are experiencing at present, and therefore the need to identify actions which will support them in their vital role to identify, prevent, protect and support children and families impacted by sexual abuse.

**Therefore, we would be keen to hear your/ your organisations views on Baroness Casey's Audit and what you think a proportionate and constructive approach (that supports the priorities we have already collectively identified) would look like for our Group. We would also welcome your views on whether the Group should convene on this issue over the summer, or wait until our next meeting which we intend will take place in September. Given the rapid pace of developments, it would be appreciated if you could respond by 27<sup>th</sup> June if possible.**

It should be noted that the Group has already agreed to progress a 'deep dive' into workforce education and training over the summer, which we would expect to take into account relevant findings from the Audit as part of its evidence gathering. We intend for this work to proceed as planned, capacity allowing, and we would therefore seek your confirmation that this remains a priority.

Best wishes,  
**On behalf of**  
Iona and Sarah

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## **National Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Group - 2nd April Meeting Ministerial Update**

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Good afternoon,

As previously requested by Ministers, please find an update and draft minutes from the National Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (CSAE) Strategic Group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. In brief:

- There was discussion of considering the Group's priorities in terms of primary (universal services), secondary (at risk) and tertiary (survivor recovery) prevention.
- There was broad consensus across the group of the critical importance of the survivor voice and ensure the work of the group is informed by them, and recognition across the group of the gendered nature of CSAE.
- It was recognised that current provision of recovery services is limited.
- The group agreed that workforce education is a priority to increase awareness and confidence in addressing CSAE, and there is a need to ensure training is in place to meet the differing needs of the workforce.
- There was discussion on opportunities to enhance RHSP resources to better support children, in tandem with equipping education staff with information to understand CSAE and the confidence to engage children and families.
- There is a need to improve evidence and data to inform actions on CSAE, with recognition of work underway in Police Scotland and SG on this.

### **Next Steps:**

- A framework (attached for information) has been shared with the group for review. The framework sets out:

- A set of outcomes within a draft prevention framework – we are seeking group views on whether they are the right outcomes.
- An approach to draw on expert practitioners to join a series of ‘deep dives’ over the coming months and a request to nominate practitioners to participate. [section 30(b(i))]

We will provide Ministers with further updates in due course.

Regards,

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## National CSAE Group – Minute – 2 April 2025

[section 25(1)]

### Prevention approach to our Priorities

- What are the outcomes that we want to see for each priority

	Education as prevention	Workforce education and training	Recovery and survivor support and services
<b>Primary prevention</b> <i>Prevent CSAE before it occurs across the whole population (reduce risk)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are consistent audience/ setting appropriate info on <a href="#">CSAE</a> and its impact</li> <li>• The public are knowledgeable about where /how to raise <a href="#">CSAE</a> concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our broader public service workforce have a shared understanding to recognise <a href="#">CSAE</a></li> <li>• The workforce know how to report and escalate <a href="#">CSAE</a> concerns to protect <a href="#">CYP</a></li> <li>• The workforce have knowledge of prevention and early intervention approaches and services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public-facing services are accessible and responsive to <a href="#">CSAE</a> risks and concerns</li> </ul>
<b>Secondary prevention</b> <i>Identify and address those at risk of <a href="#">CSAE</a> or further harm (response)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">CYP</a> victims of <a href="#">CSAE</a> or <a href="#">HSB</a> (and their carers) know how to access support</li> <li>• <a href="#">CYP</a> understand their rights and entitlements as victims of <a href="#">CSAE</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialist training to provide timely intervention/ response to <a href="#">CSAE</a> available</li> <li>• There are consistent and trauma-informed processes across specialist workforces</li> <li>• Services recognise and address needs of at risk groups and multiple risk factors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is consistent and timely access to appropriate services for <a href="#">CSAE</a> victims offering range of approaches/ interventions</li> </ul>
<b>Tertiary prevention</b> <i>Provide support and prevent further <a href="#">CSAE</a> harm (recover, protect, disrupt, deter)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">CYP</a> understand what ongoing support options are available in their local area</li> <li>• Targeted education interventions are available to reduce risk of harm e.g. perpetrator programmes, <a href="#">CARM</a> processes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is understanding of the impact of <a href="#">CSAE</a> and ongoing support needs of victims/ survivors</li> <li>• Specialist training on evidence-based care and support is available</li> <li>• Specialist training and targeted interventions to manage offenders are available incl. differing requirements for adult vs child/ u18 offenders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">CYP</a> impacted by <a href="#">CSAE</a> are helped to recover, have better outcomes and risk is reduced</li> <li>• There is consistent provision of local survivor support services for <a href="#">CYP</a> impacted by <a href="#">CSAE</a></li> <li>• Local services monitor the recovery and risk of <a href="#">CYP</a> impacted by <a href="#">CSAE</a></li> </ul>

## ‘Deep dive’ approach

- Expert practitioner- and evidence- led
- Focused, flexible and rapid group work
- Explore each priority through these lenses:

Existing Local and National (Scotland/UK) Practice and Policies
Legislation
Data
Evidence base including inquiry findings and international landscape
Survivors, At-Risk and Children & Young People perspectives
Online vs Offline risk and response

- Aim to identify, scrutinise and recommend potential actions
- Report to CSAE Strategic Group for consideration and prioritisation

## Timeline

### • April:

- Group provide feedback on Prevention Framework and ‘deep dive’ proposals and suggest nominees/ representatives for this work
- Begin preparation of materials for ‘deep dives’ e.g. evidence/ data/ practice review seeking input from Group members

### • May:

- Facilitated ‘deep dive’ meetings (as per Slide 2)
- CELCIS/ SG analysis of initial findings

### • June:

- Report progress to Strategic Group for discussion at June 10 meeting
- Strategic Group decision on next steps and continuation of ‘deep dive’ approach as required

## Proposals for feedback

- Given the complexity of each priority, and to test our approach, **it is suggested that one priority is selected** in the first instance for a ‘deep dive’.
  - Reflecting discussions by the Group of priority need/ potential impact **‘Workforce Education and Training’** is suggested as the initial focus.
  - The ‘deep dive’ participants should be **multiagency and practice experts**. It is expected that each individual ‘deep dive’ will require different expertise.
  - It is proposed **‘deep dives’ are chaired by practitioners** with CELCIS/ SG providing support e.g. secretariat, evidence/ data preparation etc.
  - As we consider our approach to lived experience engagement on the Group’s work, it is proposed we seek feedback from the **Cross Party Group on Adult Survivors** on the priorities identified by the Group in the first instance.
  - It is noted consideration of **existing evidence and resources on lived experience** is proposed to be part of each ‘deep dive’.
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**END**