

Angus Council

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22 January 2019



Mr B Adamson
Children & Young People's Commissioner Scotland

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PEOPLE
Strategic Director:
Mark Armstrong

Dear Mr Adamson

Publication of 'No Safe Place' Report

I am writing to confirm that Angus Council has received the above report and officers are in the process of agreeing any further action for Angus schools arising from the report recommendations. It is noted that some of the recommendations require consideration by other partners and we welcome any further information that supports the future development of our local response to the issues the report raises.

I can confirm that Angus Council will be reporting on our full consideration of the report's 21 recommendations to our Children and Learning Committee later this year. In order to fully consider any potential policy and practice changes arising from the recommendations, a short-term action group is in the process of being established. The group will be chaired by Fiona Robertson, Education Manager (Additional Support Needs) and the following representatives have been invited to participate:-

- Young Ambassador for Additional Support Needs
- Parental representative
- Council organisational development representative
- Large primary school representative
- Small primary school representative
- Secondary Principal Teacher Additional Support Needs
- Teacher Union representative

- School support staff Union representative

In addition, our initial review of the report's recommendations have resulted in us taking action in relation to recommendation 6. Whilst we are in the final stages of the development of an electronic recording system that will support the straightforward collection of data relating to incidents of seclusion, we have established a school level process in the short-term to ensure that this data is recorded.

The report and its recommendations will also be shared with Angus Head Teachers at our planned meeting on the 7th February 2019.

Yours sincerely



Dr Pauline Stephen

Head of Schools & Learning/Chief Education Officer

From: Nick Hobbs [<mailto:nick.hobbs@cypcs.org.uk>]

Sent: 05 April 2019 14:31

Subject: FAO Director of Education - Restraint and Seclusion investigation

FAO Director of Education

Dear Sir/Madam

Our office published a report of our investigation into Restraint and Seclusion in Scotland's Schools on 14th December 2018. A number of recommendations in that report were directed at local authorities. The report included a 'requirement to respond'.

Specifically, in terms of sub-sections 11(2A) and 11(2B) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003, you are required to provide a statement in writing to the Commissioner setting out, either:

- what you have done or propose to do in response to the recommendations; or
- if you do not intend to do anything in response to the recommendations, the reasons for that

Although I am sure the recommendations have been discussed extensively within the authority and we have received a response from you, it does not make clear whether you accept all of the recommendations of the report or not. We do not wish to make assumptions and would like to ensure that positions are clear. For the avoidance of doubt therefore - please let us know by close of play on **Monday 15th April** if there are any recommendations relevant to your authority that you do not accept and why.

Please note that we will shortly be publishing in full all responses received from local authorities.

Kind regards,

Nick Hobbs

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From: ArmstrongM <ArmstrongM@angus.gov.uk>

Sent: 09 April 2019 16:47

To: Nick Hobbs <nick.hobbs@cypcs.org.uk>

Subject: RE: FAO Director of Education - Restraint and Seclusion investigation

Dear Nick

Thank you for your email. I respond on behalf of Angus Council.

Further to Dr Stephen's letter of 22 January I confirm that Angus Council accepts the report recommendations that are detailed as the responsibility of Local Authorities. As Dr Stephen advised a short-term action group was established and has considered the report. An information report detailing the Council's response to the recommendations for Local Authorities will be submitted to Angus Council Children and Learning Committee in May.

Kind regards

Mark Armstrong

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