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Dear Paxton

**Re: Child & Family Services Performance Panel – 24 November 2014**

Thank you for your convenor's letter dated 26 November 2014. I appreciate the panel's continued scrutiny of the service and value your feedback.

I was pleased to note the panel's acknowledgement of continued progress in many areas of Child and Family performance and continued support for the overall strategic objectives of the service.

The panel has highlighted a number of areas which require particular scrutiny in the coming months. We will, of course, share the findings of the review on the regional Integrated Family Support Service when they become available and I would agree that the other points you raise would be helpful in continuing to provide reassurance and challenge that performance improvements will be maintained.

The panel asked for additional information on the re-referral of children. I have asked officers to ensure that this is made available as requested

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You also ask a specific question about how I intend to address the performance monitoring of the Children in Need review process. In 2015 the Head of Service will be leading a project to address the recording processes used by Child and Family Services to better reflect the Signs of Safety practice model.

As part of this work the recording and monitoring of all reviews will be revisited and I expect this current deficit to be addressed as part of that work.

Thank you again for the panel's continued robust scrutiny of the service.

Yours sincerely



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