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Dear Paxton

Child & Family Services Performance Panel – 19 January 2015

Thank you for panel's consideration and endorsement of the Council's work to date on the issue of child sexual exploitation. I am sorry that I was unable to attend the meeting.

I note your recommendation that the Safeguarding Board consider extending training to include Councillors. I'm conscious that the corporate safeguarding group chaired by the Director of Social Services is putting arrangements in place for the ongoing safeguarding training for elected members. I will ask the Director of Social Services to ensure that training in respect of child and family sexual exploitation is incorporated.

In relation to performance information the number of children placed in residential care is already included in the monthly performance report. I have asked Officers to add the split between children placed in and out of Swansea.

The safe LAC reduction strategy continues to include an explicit objective for children to be placed in or as close to Swansea as possible. This includes where children may be at risk of sexual exploitation but clearly the individual circumstances of children need to be considered in determining how best to keep them safe.

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I have asked Officers to forward the link for the SERAF assessment tool and a copy of the police and crime commissioners report when published.

I understand that the Chair of the Western Bay Safeguarding Board is due to attend panel on the 16 February. I have asked officers to clarify whether there is any available local or national data about looked after children who become sex workers.

Thank you again for panel's consideration of this important area of safeguarding practice.

Yours sincerely



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