

Aberdeenshire

From: Anne Marie Davies Macleod

Sent: 14 December 2018 16:11

To: nick.hobbs@cypcs.org.uk

Subject: Aberdeenshire Council response: Restraint and Seclusion investigation

Dear Nick,

With reference to sub-sections 11(2A) and 11(2B) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003, Aberdeenshire Council notes the requirement to provide you with a statement in writing what we have done or propose to do in response to the recommendations of the recent CYPCS.

Aberdeenshire Council Education and Children's Services have initiated a working group to review policy and practice around the use of physical intervention in Aberdeenshire Council's schools.

The group comprises of frontline practitioners, in-house trainers, officers, H&S and Legal. We are scheduling a scoping workshop for early in the new year to consider key aspects of policy/practice. We have invited CALM Services Ltd, our training partner, to participate in the workshop.

The policy and practice review process will consider the recommendations from national policy and guidance, and wider best practice. We will of course be considering the key messages in the CYPCS's recent publication.

Best regards,

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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

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From: Anne Marie Davies Macleod <annemarie.daviesmacleod@aberdeenshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 15 April 2019 15:16

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

Dear Nick,

With reference to your email dated 5 April 2018, I can confirm Aberdeenshire Council agree in principle to all the recommendations in the CYPCS report of the investigation into Restraint and Seclusion in Scotland's Schools.

Regards,

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