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Councillor Richard Cook
Chair – Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee
c/o Room
County Hall
Cardiff
CF10 4UW



Dear Richard

Human Trafficking and Child Sexual Exploitation

At our recent Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee, on 8 July 2015, we received a progress report on the implementation of the agreed recommendations from our joint inquiry into tackling human trafficking in Cardiff. I have attached the report and my subsequent Chair's letter for your information.

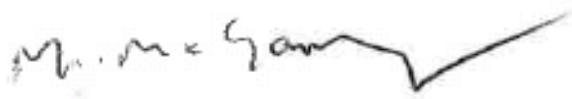
Committee Members have asked that I write to you to highlight the following for consideration during your Committee's work programming:

- ❖ Schools – the progress report shows that Recommendation 3 has not been implemented in that there has not been a review of the consistency of approach across all schools, despite the recommendation having been accepted by Cabinet. However, we heard at our committee meeting that Councillor De'Ath recognises this and that more work is planned to raise awareness in schools, train school staff and ensure consistency of approach to build on the good work already underway in some schools and by the Education Welfare Service
- ❖ Private Fostering – work to publicise the requirement to register private fostering arrangements has taken place and Councillor De'Ath stressed he wants this work to go further as this is an area of potential concern given recent cases of human trafficking elsewhere in the U.K. that have been hidden as private fostering.
- ❖ Child Sexual Exploitation – at our committee meeting it was made clear that there are issues in the interface between the structures and work on Child Sexual Exploitation and the structures and work on Human Trafficking. It was recognised that this needs further exploration to resolve any difficulties and make it clear to staff that child sexual exploitation becomes human trafficking when the child involved is moved from their home address in order to facilitate sexual exploitation. Councillor De'Ath stated that he was committed to

ensuring that this happened. Members also heard that the key lessons emerging from recent inquiries in Rotherham, Oxford and elsewhere have been reviewed in order to test whether the key lessons from these applied in Cardiff.

I hope this letter and attachments are of use to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee in your work programming deliberations.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary McGarry', with a stylized flourish at the end.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARY M^CGARRY
Chairperson - Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

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