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Subject: SEND Bill

At its meeting on 15 April 2015 the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety considered your correspondence regarding the SEND Bill.

The Committee noted the views expressed by stakeholders at the event on 18 March 2015, particularly the lack of formal co-operation between health and education services. The Committee therefore believes that consideration should be given to strengthening the Bill by requiring co-operation between the Health Trusts and the Education Authority to be put on a statutory footing.

The Committee has also written to the DHSSPS to express this view. In addition, it has written to DHSSPS to ask for its views on how clauses 9, 10, 11 and the Schedule will link with provisions contained in the forthcoming Mental Capacity Bill.

The Committee will forward you this response when received.

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