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Dear Mr Nesbitt

The Children's Services Co-operation Bill - Committee Stage

At its meeting on 18 February 2015, the Committee for Education considered your correspondence regarding the Committee Stage of the Children's Services Co-operation Bill.

As you may be aware, the Committee for Education together with the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety has been reviewing reported varying levels of provision of health services for those school children who require help to access the school curriculum. As part of this review, the Committee for Education has received briefings from the Public Health Agency; the Health and Social Care Board; and the Department of Education. The Committee has noted the on-going reviews of the Multi-Disciplinary Support Teams and the Allied Health Professionals. The Committee has also

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noted the work of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership and the Health and Education Strategic Liaison Group.

As the Committee's deliberations on this subject are ongoing, it will not be possible to make a submission to COFMDFM in respect of the Bill by the timescale specified. However the Committee agreed that I should write to you offering to share our relevant interim findings following a joint Health and Education Committee stakeholder event on 18 March 2015.

If you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk to the Committee for Education.

Yours sincerely

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