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Dear Connie

AQW 47894/22-27 – INFORMATION TO BE PLACED IN THE ASSEMBLY LIBRARY

Due to the volume of information provided I have arranged for the detail to be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely



**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

Sport NI Response

A Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) Officer employed through the Sport NI/NSPCC contract has been asked by Jan Melia, who was commissioned by the Department of Justice in NI to carry out the review, to sit on the implementation advisory group arising from the Katie Simpson Review.

Horse Sport Ireland are now funded partners within the 26-27 System Partners Investment programme and as a result, are subject to the safeguarding requirements contained within the standard Terms and Conditions of the programme which include the requirement for recipients of funding to comply with the www.sportni.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/NGB-NI-Safeguarding-Safeguarding-Standards-Updated-Jan-2025.pdf ('the Standards') proscribed by the NSPCC. Horse Sport Ireland will engage with NSPCC from a child safeguarding service provision perspective and will engage with Volunteer Now from an adult safeguarding service provision perspective. Management of safeguarding compliance and best practice will be undertaken through these third-party contractors, and Sport NI will be kept informed of any compliance or non-compliance throughout the contract/funding period.

NI Museums Council Response

- Female Director, staff and Chair

- Policies including Code of Conduct for Board/Staff, Safeguarding, Raising a Concern

This year we are also working in partnership with Ulster University to deliver a EVAWG and Museums Workshop in June and a follow up webinar session in October.

Ulster Scots Agency Response

Although the Katie Simpson Review is primarily focused on the PSNI, it highlights wider lessons on governance, culture, accountability and safeguarding which the Ulster-Scots Agency is considering carefully. In response, the Agency is reviewing the report and its implications for its own policies and practice.

The Agency already has a number of measures in place, including a code of conduct for staff, equality and diversity policies, safeguarding requirements for funded groups, and governance and reporting arrangements designed to support transparency and accountability.

The Agency also undertakes monitoring of funded activity and ensures that partner organisations, including schools, are clear about their safeguarding responsibilities. For example, schools remain responsible for ensuring that a teacher is present during Agency visits, and Agency staff are not responsible for, or left alone with, children in their classes.

In addition, the Agency has recently provided updated safeguarding training for all staff. Its designated safeguarding officers have been asked to review the Katie Simpson Report in detail, including the issues raised

around coercive control, and to make any further recommendations for strengthening current arrangements.

The Agency will also review its feedback and complaints mechanisms to ensure that stakeholders and service users are heard and that concerns can be raised and addressed appropriately.