



SCOTTISH
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Date : 7 December, 2000
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**The Headteacher
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Paisley**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Kevin McGowan

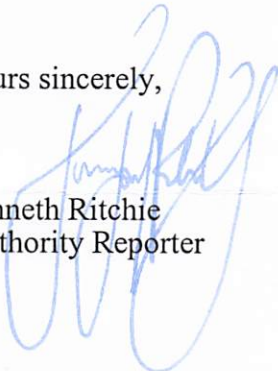
The above named child is due to attend a Children's Hearing at the Children's Hearing Room, 1/3 Brisbane Street, Greenock on **Tuesday 19th December 2000 at 2.40pm.**

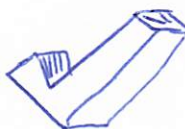
It may be that your presence at the hearing would assist the hearing members in their deliberations as to what is in the child's best interests.

I therefore invite you to attend the hearing on the above date.

I would also ask that a report be submitted by 12th December 2000 in time for onward transmission to the hearing members and the family.

Yours sincerely,


Kenneth Ritchie
Authority Reporter



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The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1996 fundamentally change the law in relation to access by parents and guardians to reports.

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