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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Kevin McGowan, 8 Fergus Drive, Greenock

The above named child is due to attend a Children's Hearing at the Children's Hearing Room, 1/3 Brisbane Street, Greenock on **Wednesday 7th June 2000 at 10.45am**

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 as soon as possible for onward transmission to the Hearing Members and the family.

Yours sincerely,

Janice Naismith
Reporter

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

Where you have in the past provided a report to the Reporter which he has provided to the panel members, the chairman of the hearing had to inform the child and his/her parents of the SUBSTANCE of these reports insofar as material to the disposal of the case and not detrimental to the child's interests. **FROM 1 OCTOBER 1996 THE REPORTER IS REQUIRED TO GIVE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS A COPY OF ANY REPORTS AND PAPERS GIVEN TO THE PANEL MEMBERS.**

Where you have previously provided information please ensure that the report which the Reporter is now asking you to submit includes an historical summary of your agency's involvement with the child and his/her family and the progress of the child's case to date. If you consider that the disclosure of any previous report to the parents or guardians will not be in the interests of the child or place any individual at risk of serious harm you may re-submit the old report(s) and attach it to your supplementary report covering developments since the date of submission of your previous report(s). There will be a transitional period between 1 October 1996 and 31 March 1997 when such a practice will be acceptable.

IF YOU WISH TO TAKE USE OF THESE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS YOU MUST INDICATE THIS BY WRITING TO THE REPORTER WITH A CLEAR STATEMENT THAT YOU DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SUCH A PRACTICE WILL HARM THE CHILD'S INTERESTS OR PLACE ANY INDIVIDUAL AT RISK OF SERIOUS HARM. NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO CHILDREN WILL PROBABLY COME INTO FORCE ON 1 APRIL 1997 AT WHICH TIME THESE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

If you believe that the disclosure of a child's, parent's or guardian's address would place that person at risk or serious physical, mental or emotional harm, please contact the Reporter immediately to discuss whether the address should be omitted from your report.

The Reporter will have indicated to you on the request whether the information is likely to be treated as information relating to evidential matters capable of supporting grounds for referral or information relating to the child's welfare. Only information which falls into the latter category will be handed over to panel members and parents but is acknowledged that some reports may necessarily contain both categories of information in which case it is likely that there will be parental access to the whole report.

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