

# Children in Scotland

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Dear Mr Fitheridge,

## CONSULTATION ON FEES, EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES FOR SAFEGUARDERS APPOINTED BY A CHILDREN'S HEARING OR SHERIFF

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. Children in Scotland does not hold detailed and specific views on the most of the areas covered by the questionnaire. We agree, however, that a nationally consistent system should be introduced. The fees and expenses proposed seem reasonable and we agree with the proposal that they are consistent with comparable provision for public sector employees.

Yours sincerely,

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Senior Policy and Parliamentary Officer

Children in Scotland is the national umbrella agency for organisations and professionals working with and for children, young people and their families. It exists to identify and promote the interests of children and their families and to ensure that policies and services and other provisions are of the highest possible quality and are able to meet the needs of a diverse society. Children in Scotland represents more than 400 members, including most of Scottish local authorities, all major voluntary, statutory and private children's agencies, professional organisations, as well as many other smaller community groups and children's services. It is linked with similar agencies in other parts of the UK and Europe.

The work of Children in Scotland encompasses extensive information, policy, research and practice development programmes. The agency works closely with MSPs, the Scottish Government, local authorities and practitioners. It also services groups such as the Cross Party Parliamentary Group on Children and Young People (with YouthLink Scotland). In addition, Children in Scotland hosts Enquire - the national advice service for additional support for learning, and Resolve: ASL, Scotland's largest independent education mediation service.