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Dear Ms Donnelly

### SELF-EVALUATION AND LINK INSPECTOR

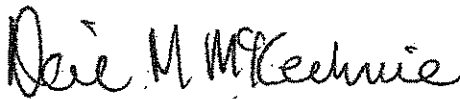
The Minister for Children and Early Years wrote to Graham Donaldson, HMSCI, on 4 February 2009 requesting him to lead and coordinate a proportionate 3 year cycle of inspections of child protection services from April 2009. Those of you who attended recent consultation events will be aware HMIE have issued a revised framework for self-evaluation, *How well do we protect children and meet their needs*. This framework has been issued to assist services with the process of self-evaluation which will have increased emphasis in a more proportionate programme of inspection.

At these events we also explained that HMIE would help building capacity for self-evaluation by providing a link inspector to each local authority area. I have pleasure in advising you that the link inspector for your area will be Fiona McManus.

During the next few months link inspectors will contact lead officers within Child Protection Committees to discuss how best to take forward the support offered.

I look forward to working with you to improve further child protection services in Scotland.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Neil

## **SUBJECT: SELF EVALUATION AND LINK INSPECTOR**

Thank you for your letter of 8 May 2009. Jackie Donnelly retired last year and subsequently the Council decided to restructure the social work service at Chief Officer level. I was appointed as Head of Service (Children and Families and Criminal Justice) in January 2009. I have also been asked to take on the role of the Chair of the East Ayrshire Child Protection Committee.

Our next Child Protection Committee will take place on Tuesday 19 May 2009, and therefore I will advise members of the proposed link inspector arrangements. I look forward to hearing from Fiona, and I anticipate that this will be a very helpful link for the Committee.

Yours sincerely

Susan Taylor  
Chair of Child Protection Committee

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