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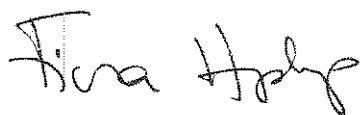
Dear Colleague

We, in the Scottish Government, are committed to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and to promoting and supporting the rights of all children in Scotland as a key strand of our activity to improve outcomes for all. The work we are doing in this area is entirely consistent with the Government's Purpose, The National Performance Framework and the Government's overall policy approach in relation to children and young people across our three portfolios.

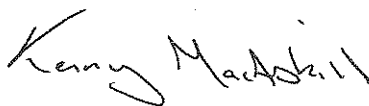
The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child examined the UK in September 2008 to see how well the Government is protecting children's rights. The Committee issued its concluding observations (recommendations) in October last year. The Scottish Government is committed to responding positively to these recommendations and we published our response – *Do the Right Thing* – on 1 September 2009. Copies of the full publication and a version for under 18s are enclosed for your information.

As highlighted by the Minister for Children and Early Years, Adam Ingram in the foreword of *Do the Right Thing*, if you work with children or on their behalf to ensure they are safe, happy and healthy, then you are promoting and supporting their rights. This work, whether you make the explicit connection or not, is central to the implementation of the UNCRC in Scotland.

We hope you find the information in these documents of interest. If you would like to find out more about the work of the Scottish Government in relation to children's rights, please contact the Children's Rights Team at childrenrights@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or on 0131 244 0707.



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