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Dear Convener and Forum members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for your attendance and input to the National Licensing Conference which took place in Aviemore.

The conference was well attended and proved to be a great success with very inspirational and motivational speakers from across the United Kingdom.

We were treated to some interesting comments from Kenny MacCaskill regarding the operation of the 2005 Act and the future direction the government may take.

The feedback sessions from the panel and workshops proved to be very thought provoking, but also gave an insight into what people were experiencing in the world of licensing and how that has an effect on delivery at grass roots level.

The evaluation questionnaires had many positive comments regarding accommodation, food, the performance of those presenting and opinions on how the delegates perceived the conference.

I feel that a start has been made to the training of Conveners and we will consider other additional mop up training for Forum members who are new, or missed the last training sessions.

The Licensing Board members were very supportive of the role the Forum plays within licensing, but added to that were the many positive comments and ideas that came out of the workshops which will help us with future development.

I intend to set dates for the future training of Conveners and Forum members, but would like to have your opinion on the type of training you may require either as a Convener, or Forum member. I have the written feedback from workshops, but there may be a few Conveners who could not attend and they may wish to express their opinion on training.

I am aware that Chairpersons for the licensing Board have already been trained, but I feel there may be a need to do some joint training of Conveners and chairs, also Board members and Forum members trained together may benefit from a better understanding of each others role.

I would be grateful if you could provide me with some feedback on these suggestions, either through e-mail, the LLF website, or phone me direct.

Once again many thanks for your attendance and valuable input to the National Licensing conference.

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National Licensing Officer.

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