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Dear Councillor Hood-Williams

Re: Child & Family Services Performance Panel – 27 October 2014

Thank you for your scrutiny of and support for the development of a permanence service.

You are right that any arrangement to further develop partnership with a third sector organisation must be open to other providers. Children Services are working with the Council's procurement section to insure the tender process complies with the European Legislation for tendering from contracts.

Whichever provider we work with going forward with needs to deliver the performance expectations developed for the new co-produced service.

The Local Authority will determine the outcomes to be met. The implementation plan for the new service post review will be shared with scrutiny and to the timescale requested.

The concern about the scale of the ambitious transformation program for children's services is noted. Officers remain confident that the track record now firmly established for managing such changes means that the Council can enter this further period of change with confidence.

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I agree that the involvement of Swansea University to independently evaluate the signs of safety implementation is a positive.

I have asked Officers to provide the organisation structure and information on signs of safety.

Yours sincerely



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