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FOLLOW-UP CHILD PROTECTION INSPECTION

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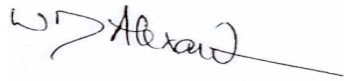
Summary

This report updates members on the recent follow-up child protection inspection.

1. Background

- 1.1 The HMIE *Services for Children* Unit undertook a follow-up to last year's child protection inspection, in early June. While this was part of the routine inspection process, the Scottish Executive had also requested that it should include evaluation of the progress made to meet the recommendations in *the independent review into the circumstances surrounding the death of Danielle Reid*.
- 1.2 Follow-up inspections processes are designed to support continuous improvement, and to be:
 - proportionate to the findings of the initial inspection;
 - responsive to the findings of the initial inspection and any subsequent significant developments; and
 - evaluative of quality assurance arrangements and capacity for improvement.
- 1.3 There was a multi disciplinary inspection team of seven, including one associate assessor. The fieldwork took place over 5 days, and involved a range of activities: a presentation from the child protection committee, focus groups, visits to services, individual interviews and observations. A meeting with members of the Joint Committee took place on the first day of the inspection.
- 1.4 There were no prior arranged interviews with children, young people and families. Instead, the inspectors met with young people and families after observing meetings, while visiting services and when involved in routine meetings and contacts.

1.5 The feedback meeting has yet to take place, and a verbal report on this will be provided at the Joint Committee.

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