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Munro Review of child protection

Better front-line services to protect children

Hello

My name is Eileen Munro and I have been asked by the Government to help improve the ways we protect children and young people from being hurt or from being unsafe. I am writing to ask for your help. As well as asking you to help me with this work, I am also asking social workers and people who work with social workers what they think.

Why your views are important?

This work is about making sure that when social workers try to help, they do this as well as they can, always trying to make the best decisions for children and young people. It is really important that your thoughts are included because you know what helps and what does not help.

What will happen to the information you are sharing?

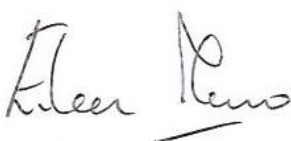
You will not be identified and no one will be told your name or who you are. The information you give to me will help me to write down what children, young people and families think about what is helpful and what works to improve people's lives. In September, when I write my first report, there will be a section about what all children, young people and families have said but no one's names will be used.

Is there anyone I can speak to about this if I need to?

Maggie Atkinson is the independent Children's Commissioner for England. Maggie's role is to speak out on behalf of children and young people to people who make decisions about them. Her office is interested in finding the best ways to keep children safe from harm. Please tell Maggie's office what you think about the ideas in my review and your experiences of engaging with child protection services. This is your chance to be heard. You should e-mail your completed form to lynn.foster@childrenscommissioner.gsi.gov.uk or you can call 0551 143 7826 if you have any questions.

If you are interested in seeing the letter from the Government asking me to do this work, you can click on this link <http://www.education.gov.uk/news/news/munroreview>.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. I do hope to hear from you. The form you can fill in is at the end of this letter. There is also a version you can type on at www.education.gov.uk/munroreview/ - just click on [Children, young people and families' template for recording evidence](#).



Eileen Munro

INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES WHO WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH PROFESSOR EILEEN MUNRO IN SUPPORT OF HER REVIEW OF CHILD PROTECTION

1. What is Eileen Munro's review about?

Eileen Munro has been asked by the Government to help improve the way we protect children and young people from being hurt or from being unsafe. As well as asking children and young people to help her with this work, she is also asking social workers and people who work with social workers what they think.

2. Why is what I think important?

This work is about making sure that when social workers try to help, they do this as well as they can, always trying to make the best decisions for children and young people. It is really important that your thoughts are included because you know what helps and what does not help.

3. What will happen to the information I am sharing?

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