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Munro Review of child protection

Better front-line services to protect children

JOINT LETTER FROM PROFESSOR EILEEN MUNRO AND MARION DAVIS

CALL FOR EVIDENCE

We are writing to seek your help in support of the Munro Review of Child Protection.

Today sees the launch of the call for evidence to help inform the review. The call for evidence has been widely circulated to professionals and practitioners involved in safeguarding, but in order to get a complete picture of what good practice exists within child protection services, we need to hear from children and their families who have been in contact with some of these services.

Clearly we have Roger Morgan's recently published report on *Children's Messages from Care* which the review can draw on, along with the latest Children in Need data collection. However, we would like your help in getting children and young people to contribute specifically to the review.

We would be grateful if through your teams you were able to draw the attached call for evidence to the attention of children and young people who have been in receipt of services. Of course this would not be appropriate for all service users, and we are very happy that local discretion is exercised on who the letter should go to avoid possible distress.

Maggie Atkinson, the Children's Commissioner, has very kindly agreed to take receipt of any responses. Her team is providing a dedicated number and email address for children and young people to use in confidence -

lynn.foster@childrenscommissioner.gsi.gov.uk or call 0551 143 7826.

We hope that you will be able to support the review in this way and thank you in anticipation.



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