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Dear Ms Matthew

I am writing to you in regard to Scottish Government's Violence Against Women funding for Eighteen & Under's Taywise Project.

It has been brought to the attention of the Scottish Government that Dundee City Council has withdrawn funding from the Eighteen & Under project due to various concerns with service delivery and governance of the project and that an investigation into these concerns is ongoing. It is also my understanding that since January 2009, schools in the Dundee area have been restricted from working with Eighteen & Under and no referrals are being made from social work.

As a result of this decision there will undoubtedly have been an impact on the delivery of the Taywise project and I have been concerned that you have made no effort to inform the Scottish Government of this fact. As a result this is a breach of grant condition 14.2 in the grant offer letter of 26 March 2006

I am also concerned that the section in the original grant application form which asked for details of other sources of grant funding was left blank and we have never been made aware that Dundee City Council were contributing to the same project. This is a breach of the declaration in the grant application form.

Both your end of year report for 2008-09 and the project plan for 2009-10 include details of work to be undertaken in schools in Tayside therefore I would be grateful if you could provide a detailed report covering the following points of concern with the Scottish Government Violence Against Women grant.

- How did the restriction of working in schools and with social work impact on the work of the project in 2008-09?
- How have you changed the work of the project to deliver the service in 2009-10 and 2010-11?

I have also fully considered your end of year report and will require the following evidence to support this report.

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- Number of referrals from leafleting schools in both 2007-08 and 2008-09;
- Hours the drop in service was open and the numbers using the service in both 2007-08 and 2008-09;
- Number of text and e-mail support in both 2007-08 and 2008-09;
- Details and hours etc for streetwork session and the numbers of referrals from Streetwork sessions;
- Timetable/programme of work in schools and community groups in 2008-09 and some examples of evaluation forms from these sessions;
- Timetable/programme of workshops with at risk young women, including numbers of woman that attended, ages, and some case studies;
- Number of schools contacted, timetable organised and number of referrals from work in schools;
- Details of programmes delivered in schools, number of teachers trained and examples of case studies and evaluation forms.

I will also require the following information.

- Details of staff (both paid and voluntary) working with the project, including names, job titles and details of contact with services users;
- Name of the post holder, job title and job description of post currently funded by the Scottish Government;
- Details of management committee, including names, expertise and relationship, if any with staff members;
- Details of ALL grant funding made to the project for 2008-11 and what this funding will deliver;
- Details of sources of all referrals in 2008-09.

No further funding will be provided until I can be reassured that Government funding conditions are being fully adhered to as per the grant offer letter of 26 March 2008.

Yours sincerely



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