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Dear Mr Allan

**Eighteen and Under
Fairer Scotland Fund**

We refer to the above matter and to previous correspondence.

We do not appear to have received a response to our letter of 19th February. As previously advised, in your letter of 13th February you stated that Dundee City Council (DCC) is of the view that our clients' work does not meet adequate standards in terms of protecting and safeguarding children and young people. As a result, you have stated that DCC intends to withdraw funding to Eighteen And Under on 31 March 2009 unless our clients can demonstrate that 'the issues listed above have been satisfactorily addressed'. Obviously our clients cannot demonstrate that issues have been addressed, or respond to the allegations made against them, unless we have a clear understanding of what those issues are.

In particular, please clarify:-

1. Which part(s) of our clients' work with children or young people under the age of 16 do you consider does not meet adequate standards?;
2. Which part(s) of our clients' recruitment and selection procedures do you consider does not comply with law?;
3. Which part(s) of our clients' recruitment and selection procedures do you consider is inconsistent with the terms and conditions associated with funding from the Dundee Partnership, or does not accord with good practice for organisations working with vulnerable children and young people?

Where appropriate, please provide us with details of the relevant standards and statutes which you consider our clients have breached. Please also identify which of the terms and conditions associated with the provision of funding is inconsistent with our clients' recruitment and selection procedures.

Given that we have had no response to our previous request for this information, which you received more three weeks ago, we assume that the proposed deadline of 31 March 2009 no longer stands. We would, however, be obliged if you could confirm that this is the case.

We note that you have instructed your social work teams and personnel to refrain from having any

further involvement with our clients and that you have shared your 'concerns' with your partner agencies. Further, we note that you have instructed all schools and educational establishments to suspend any VIP sessions with our clients and to refrain from having any involvement with them.

As you will appreciate, your actions have had an enormously detrimental effect on our clients' reputation and their ability to carry out their charitable purposes. They are in the process of quantifying their losses, and reserve the right to take further action against DCC to recover those losses and to safeguard their interests.

We look forward to hearing further from you.

Yours faithfully

Partner
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