

1<sup>st</sup> February 2009

Dear Mr Allan

**Fairer Scotland Fund – Eighteen And Under**

Thank you for your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

At a meeting late afternoon on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009, Eighteen and Under was finally made aware of some of ~~[[Add full name]'s] (DCC) the concerns and allegations relating to procedures and practice in Eighteen And Under. We are currently undertaking a full and comprehensive review of our procedures and practices as a result of the issues raised~~ ~~I can now investigate internally at that meeting.~~ In addition, we are pulling together the specific information requested at the meeting.

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Once I have all the information I will contact you with a view to providing full and detailed responses to each of ~~answer~~ the concerns and allegations raised.

I can assure you that Eighteen and Under is a fully transparent organisation [committed to "add as appropriate"]

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Separately,

I must add that I have ~~We do have some serious issues and concerns ourselves with the way in which DCC conducted arising from the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Those concerns relate to the appropriateness of some of the questions asked by DCC at that meeting and the way in which those questions were asked. I am particularly concerned that DCC may have inappropriately requested, and regrettably received, information relating to individuals' private lives.~~

I shall be raising the above concerns in more detail by separate letter and, at this stage, request that DCC ensures that all information disclosed at the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January [relating to individuals' private lives] be kept fully confidential.

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~~which we will raise with you as soon as we are able to avail ourselves of all the facts.~~ In the meantime, if you have any further concerns about our organisation, please raise these with us now.

Yours sincerely

Laurie Matthew

(Co-ordinator)