22 August 2013

Dear Ms Hutton

Thank you for your request dated 23 July 2013 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for independent evidence to show that GIRFEC and the named person approach improves outcomes for children and young people, including details of any studies undertaken and who undertook them, and the results of the studies.

The information you requested is available from:

http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-people/gettingitright/publications/highland-report

http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright/about-named-person

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to provide you with information if it is already reasonably accessible to you. If, however, you do not have internet access to obtain this information from the website listed, then please contact me again and I will send you a paper copy.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review, by writing to Mike Foulis, Director for Children and Families, 2-B North, Victoria Quay, Commercial Street, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out, and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

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