

## **Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill**

### **North Ayrshire Council**

#### National Confidential Forum

North Ayrshire Council supports the policy objectives of this part of the bill to offer adults placed in institutional care as children acknowledgement of their experience, including abuse and neglect, through the creation of the National Confidential Forum (NCF).

The functions set out for the NCF appear to be appropriate and fit for purpose.

The location of the NCF as a sub-committee of the Mental Welfare Commission in order to ensure independence in our opinion is an appropriate one.

We feel that it is crucial that supports are offered to participants, before, during and after their input as highlighted in the pilot forum "Time to be Heard".

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