

14 November 2025

Dear Mr Ross,

Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with the Committee on the 5 November and for the positive engagement and consideration that has been given by you and all members to the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) Bill.

This is a significant piece of legislation that marks a key step forward in our shared support for care experienced children, young people and adults in line with the cross party commitment to keep The Promise. I welcome the Parliamentary scrutiny that aims to ensure that this Bill can provide the enabling environment to further direct the change required. I have met with members of the Committee individually and have been reassured by their openness and willingness to work together to ensure that the Bill can deliver the best legislative outcome at this point in our journey towards 2030. I am very keen to ensure that this shared dialogue continues as we progress through the next stages of the Parliamentary consideration.

I also wish to put on record my thanks to the Committee for their support in guiding the proposed legislation forward.

Further to the Committee session on 5 November, I committed to sending further information on a number of topics raised. I hope that this information will prove helpful to you and members of the Committee in your continued consideration of the Bill and in the drafting of the Stage 1 report.

Engagement pre and post introduction

As noted during the Committee session, I and my officials have engaged widely with a range of stakeholders throughout the course of developing the Bill. I have heard the concerns raised by stakeholders through the Call for Views process and the Committee evidence sessions and I am committed to ensuring that all stakeholders feel that they have the appropriate opportunity to inform the development of this important legislation.

As I indicated at the session, I must however respectfully disagree that engagement throughout the Bill development process has not been undertaken. To assure the Committee I have provided a dated list of engagements that I and my officials have carried out with stakeholders since January 2025, these engagements do not include any unscheduled meetings or discussions, or indeed reflect the full breadth of email communication that has taken place. (Annex A)

As the Committee is aware, the Scottish Government stated in the Promise Implementation Plan, published in March 2022, our intention to bring forward a 'Promise Bill' by the end of the Parliamentary term. The provisions are informed by what The Promise tells Scotland must change, and is supported by dialogue and

policy development over the course of the last four years, including five public consultations:

- Children's Hearings Redesign: (July – October 2024):
- Moving On from Care into Adulthood: (August – November 2024):
- Developing a Universal Definition of 'Care Experience' (October 2024 – January 2025):
- The Future of Foster Care consultations (October – January 2025):
- Financial transparency and profit limitation in children's residential care (August – October 2025)

I am aware that my officials wrote to the Committee on 9 October to set out detail on engagement that has undertaken since introduction of the Bill. Since this time I have met with Social Work Scotland and the Independent Strategic Advisor for The Promise.

As I outlined during my evidence, following the opportunity to consider written and oral evidence to the Committee, I am continuing to engage with a range of stakeholders and I hope that the further information provided as part of this letter can further reassure the Committee on the open and engaged approach that I commit to continue to take.

Updated financial information regarding the potential costs of measures in the Bill

As I presented at Committee, I am confident that the information provided in the financial memorandum upon introduction was the best available at that point in time. I am aware that through the responses to the call for evidence questions have been raised around aspects of costing and funding. I have both directly through my engagement with key stakeholders and through my officials offered consideration of further information that may be available to enhance the detail presented in the financial memorandum. I commit to writing to the Committee with any updated figures as appropriate and when available.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – Compatibility Duty

You asked for: a fuller response, regarding the Scottish Government's approach to Stage 2, as to how we will address UNCRC concerns in the Bill, and the results of cross-departmental discussions in relation to these recurrent UNCRC issues; and an update on the engagement taking place between the Scottish and UK Governments, which is exploring the removal of legislative restrictions in relation to devolving powers on human rights protections.

I note the concerns raised in relation to the provisions in the Bill on aftercare and the foster care register. Due to their amendment of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (a UK Act), these do not fall within the scope of the compatibility duty under section 6 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 ("the UNCRC Act"). I wish to reassure the Committee that the approach that has been proposed at this stage has been taken following consideration of appropriate and accessible law making. The current approach has been informed by the need to ensure that the provisions operate in an effective, workable and clear

way, given those intersect with other rights and obligations under Part 2 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.

In light of the concerns raised about this approach I am actively considering the options that may be available at Stage 2.

However, as I indicated during my evidence session, the Scottish Government does remain satisfied that the current provisions are compliant with applicable human rights whether under the UNCRC or the ECHR.

The Children's Rights Scheme will be laid before Parliament shortly. This is a statutory requirement under the "the UNCRC Act". [Section 14](#) of the UNCRC Act requires Scottish Ministers to make a scheme, to be known as the Children's Rights Scheme (the Scheme), which sets out the arrangements that they have made, or propose to make, to ensure that they comply with the compatibility duty under section 6 of the Act and to secure better or further effect of the rights of children.

The [draft of the Scheme](#) was published on the Scottish Government website on 13 October and includes 41 commitments to be delivered over the next 3 years. It includes a commitment that The Scottish Government will progress engagement to explore the removal of any legislative restrictions that currently limit the Scottish Parliament's ability to enhance human rights protections across all areas devolved to Scotland.

Earlier this year, the Scottish and UK Governments participated in an independent workshop "Devolved law-making after the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill Reference" hosted by the University of Glasgow Centre for Public Policy, together with the Welsh Government, academic experts and stakeholders. The workshop prompted insightful and constructive discussions which identified the considerable uncertainty the Supreme Court's rulings have created for the devolution settlement. Discussions on the full implications have continued and we expect further academic and stakeholder commentary on this matter in the near future.

The draft Scheme also includes a commitment that, if, by November 2026, the Scottish Government considers that progress in finding a more straightforward and effective route to extending protection for children's rights has not yet been sufficient, we will also commission a review of provisions in UK Acts in devolved areas to identify any key provisions that interact with children's rights to such an extent that it may be worth re-enacting them in Acts of the Scottish Parliament to bring them into scope of the compatibility duty. The purpose of the review would be to make available a list of provisions to support consideration of re-enacting them when the content of relevant Bills in future legislative programmes is being decided.

Children's Hearings Redesign – Single Panel Members

The Committee raised a query regarding the range of matters that may be suitable for decision making by single panel members. The rationale regarding the level of decision the government thinks is appropriate for a single Chairing Member to take, particularly regarding grounds hearings and Interim Compulsory Supervision Orders (ICSO), is key in providing the context to this legislative proposal.

The benefits of enabling Single Member Decision making are clear, while retaining safe parameters. It preserves volunteer capacity for substantive decisions, and it eliminates delays that might be caused by scheduling difficulties where personnel continuity may be sought, but decisions are urgent. For clarity, and as specified in the Bill's provisions, it is the Government's view that a Chairing Member should be able to consider the child and family's view on the grounds of referral, and to record the grounds as accepted or not accepted. Furthermore, a single chairing member should be able to make an ICSO for the urgent protection of the child. While these are significant matters, they are within the competence of a single decision maker who has been appropriately trained and supported.

The Bill defines the specific circumstances where a single Chairing Member may be expected to hold a grounds hearing. It was rightly identified by Sheriff Mackie in the *Hearings for Children* report that the grounds process can be extremely challenging for children and families, particularly where the grounds of referral are contested. It is imperative that where the grounds require sensitive, focussed and agile discussions on areas of contention, this can be undertaken by a Chairing Member who has been specifically recruited and trained, and appropriately remunerated, for this task.

Similarly, the Bill is clear about the limited circumstances in which an ICSO might be made by a single Chairing Member. This will happen only where it is necessary as a matter of urgency, to ensure a child is protected while an application to the Sheriff is made or while a hearing is convened to make a full Compulsory Supervision Order. It will last for the shorter 22 day period so that it is more quickly reviewed by a full children's hearing.

I want to reassure the Committee that all existing appeal rights will remain where a single Chairing Member makes a decision. In addition, I have listened carefully to the views of stakeholders who gave evidence to the Committee. The facility for the single Chairing Member to be able to give advice to the National Convener that a full three member hearing is required because of the complexity or sensitivity of the case represents a significant safeguard. I intend to bring forward a technical clarifying amendment at Stage 2 to make this completely clear.

It is important to reflect that the majority of stakeholders and consultation respondents have given these proposals cautious support, and that Sheriff Mackie himself has spoken of these elements being welcome and progressive. It is suggested that it is not the lone decision maker element that might be concerning to some stakeholders as, for example, Sheriffs are currently responsible for establishing grounds and making ICSOs as a lone decision maker. It will be important therefore to ensure that those with concerns have confidence in the role of the Chairing member itself, and in the individuals appointed to fulfil its important functions.

The remunerated and enhanced Chairing Member role will be a new role in the redesigned Children's Hearings System, and the competencies, qualifications and training of that role are the responsibility of the National Convener. Rigorous recruitment, training and qualification requirements will be developed by the National

Convener specifically to deliver quality decision making, and allow the hearings system to be more agile and flexible, and to shrink and specialise as envisaged by the Independent Care Review in 2020.

As I, and officials, raised in Committee, we have worked closely throughout with the National Convener and his team at Children's Hearings Scotland. I have asked him to share further detail with you which summarises his views on the qualities, competencies and expected parameters of the role, and how we can build justifiable confidence from the plans to identify, recruit and support Chairing Members in taking such important decisions. This material will follow in the coming days from the National Convener, and I trust the Committee will find this both helpful and reassuring.

Information regarding the consultation on financial transparency and profit limitation, including the number of responses and timelines for sharing the results and analysis

The Scottish Government has consulted on the draft provisions in relation to financial transparency and limiting excessive profit in residential childcare. This was carried out via a written consultation held on Citizen Space and through in person and online stakeholder engagement events. The written consultation had 31 responses, 23 of which have been from organisations with wider representation. Just over 100 participants – both individual and as representatives of wider organisations – took part in the engagement events.

A report from the consultation and surrounding events is currently being prepared by external analysts and is due for publication in mid-December. It is important to note that this consultation has been regarding the measures as they stand in the Bill. There will be further consultation on any profit measures prior to the introduction of regulations. We are aware of the importance of tackling excessive profitmaking without disrupting the good quality care that children are currently receiving, and so are committed to consulting with the sector throughout this process

Let me conclude by again sharing my thanks to you and the Committee for your consideration of the Bill and I hope that the information provided in this letter will prove helpful additional background to support your role.

Thank you for your ongoing support in our shared aim to keep The Promise.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Don-Innes

Minister for Children, Young People and the Promise

Engagement with Stakeholders – Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill.

Pre-Introduction Engagement

Stakeholder	Date
COSLA – regular directors catch up	Monthly
The Promise Scotland – Strategic Meetings	Monthly
Barnardo's – Advocacy – meeting to discuss advocacy outwith CHS	17 th January 2025
Barnardo's – Advocacy, Transitions and Aftercare	6 th February 2025
CELCIS – Continuing Care and Aftercare	18 th February 2025
CELCIS – Continuing Care and Aftercare	4 th March 2025
CELCIS – Continuing Care and Aftercare	18 th March 2025
CELCIS – Continuing Care and Aftercare	15 th April 2025
CELCIS – Continuing Care and Aftercare	24 th April 2025
CELCIS – Continuing Care and Aftercare	22 nd May 2025
CELCIS – Continuing Care and Aftercare	10 th June 2025
CELCIS – Routine Partnership Engagement	Quarterly
Children's Hearings Advocacy Expert Reference Group	6 March 2025
Children's Hearings Advocacy National Provider Network	13 March 2025
Competition and Markets authority – re: independent fostering agencies	8 th Jan 2025
COSLA – Advocacy – follow up email to advocacy meeting outlining data being sought from local authorities	19 th February 2025
COSLA – Advocacy – further follow up email to ask if there is an update available	24 th March 2025
COSLA – Advocacy – meeting about advocacy and data collection from local authorities	13 th February 2025
COSLA – Advocacy – response received to email of 19 th Feb. stating they cannot facilitate data collection from local authorities	31 st March 2025

COSLA – Aftercare	10 th March 2025
COSLA – Aftercare	8 th April 2025
COSLA – Moving On from Care	6 th May 2025
COSLA – Moving on from Care	3 rd June 2025
IJB role in Children's Services Planning - COSLA	21 st March 2025
Jasmin Kasaya-Pilling – Throughcare and Aftercare	19 th March 2025
OHOV – meeting re language and definition of care experience	25 th April 2025
OSCR – to discuss foster care for purpose of financial memorandum	15 th May 2025
Regular catch ups with the Promise Scotland Policy Team (mainly to discuss definition of care experience and advocacy)	Fortnightly until pre introduction
Scotland Excel – to discuss renewal of IFA framework	27 th February 2025 12 th May 2025
Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum (Staf) – Aftercare	25 th February 2025
Social Work Scotland (by correspondence) – Aftercare	17 th January 2025
Social Work Scotland (by correspondence) – Aftercare	4 th March 2025
Social Work Scotland (by correspondence) – Aftercare	31 st March 2025
Social Work Scotland Community Placement Sub-Group – presentation on Moving On from Care findings - Aftercare	11 th June 2025
Social Work Scotland – Moving on from care	3 rd February 2025
Social Work Scotland – Central Bill Team	30 th May 2025
Social Work Scotland – Routine Engagement with Children's Services Reform Unit	6-weekly
The Promise Scotland Collaborative event – Moving on from care (Aftercare)	15 th January 2025
The Promise Scotland – Aftercare	19 th February 2025
The Promise Scotland – Aftercare	17 th July 2025
The Promise Scotland – Foster Care catch up	13 th January 2025
The Promise Scotland – meeting re advocacy and care experience guidance	7 th May 2025
Who Cares? Scotland – Advocacy – meeting re launch of 'Action on Advocacy' campaign.	27 th March 2025
Who Cares? Scotland – Advocacy – meeting to discuss advocacy outwith CHS	7 th February 2025

Planning Group (COSLA, SWS, SCRA, CHS, CELCIS)	22 Jan 2025; 6 Mar 2025; 8 Apr 2025; 20 May 2025
The Promise Scotland	27 Jan 2025
Children's Hearings Redesign Board (COSLA, SWS, SCRA, CHS)	29 Jan 2025; 23 Apr 2025
Children's Hearings Academics Roundtable	30 Jan 2025; 28 Apr 2025
Children's Hearings Scotland (CHS)	19 Feb 2025; 5 Mar 2025; 31 Mar 2025
Legal Services Agency	7 Mar 2025
SCRA	13 Mar 2025; 22 Apr 2025 (with Police Scotland); 24 Apr 2025; 30 Apr 2025 (with Police Scotland); 1 May 2025
COSLA	20 Mar 2025; 9 Apr 2025 (Pre-meeting)
SWS (Social Work Scotland)	25 Mar 2025 (grounds hearings)
Police Scotland	22 Apr 2025 (with SCRA); 30 Apr 2025 (with SCRA)
NSPCC / BeST Trial	21 May 2025 24 April 2025
Sheriff Mackie	20 Mar 2025 (Redesign Board); 29 May 2025

Post-Introduction Engagement

Stakeholder	Date
COSLA – regular directors catch up	Monthly
The Promise Scotland – Strategic Meetings	Monthly
Aberdeen City Council	18 September 2025 (profit provisions)
Action for Children	16 October 2025
Adoption UK	3rd September 2025 (Adoption & Kinship Care)
Advocacy Western Isles	26 June 2025
Advocacy Services Aberdeen	26 June 2025
Angus Council	18 September 2025 (profit provisions)
Angus Independent Advocacy	26 June 2025
Argyll and Bute Council	2 nd September 2025, 22 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Barnardos – Foster Care	26th June 2025
Borders Independent Advocacy Service	26 June 2025
CPON	23 rd June
CAPS Independent Advocacy	26 June 2025
Care Visions	22 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Care Inspectorate	12 November 2025
Chief Social Work Officers	7 th August
Children and Young People’s Centre for Justice (CYPCJ),	22 September 2025 (profit provisions)
Children First	8 September (profit engagement)

Children's Hearing Advocacy Expert Reference Group	26 June 2025, 23 October 2025
Children's Hearings Advocacy National Provider Network	Every 6 weeks since January 2025. Last met 9 October 2025
Clan Child Law	26 June 2025
COSLA	Foster Care – 14 th July 2025 Central Bill Team – 17 th July Foster Care – 2 nd September 2025
Common Weal – Care reform group re: profit in Foster care	17th July 2025, 22 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Competition and Markets Authority	14 August 2025 (profit provisions)
Department of Health Northern Ireland	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Common Thread Group	1 October 2025 (profit engagement)
Dundee City Council	18 September 2025 (profit engagement) 1 October 2025 (profit engagement)
Dundee and Angus College	1 October 2025
Each and Every Child – Care Experience Guidance	8 th July 2025
Each and Every Child - Aftercare	16 th September 2025
<u>East Ayrshire Advocacy Services</u>	26 June 2025
East Park School	25 September 2025 (profit engagement)
ETCS	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)

Fife Council	1 October 2025 (profit engagement)
Glasgow City Council	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
The Minister met with The House Project, Dalkeith and officials at Midlothian Council on the day the Bill was introduced. During the visit, the Minister engaged in discussions about the Bill with young people, project staff, and representatives from Midlothian Council, including Council Leader Kelly Parry. Fraser McKinlay and Fiona Duncan also attended.	18th June
The Minister attended the Who Cares? Scotland Summer Festival in Glasgow. The event brought together children, young people, carers, and WC?S staff. While the Bill was discussed informally, it was not the central focus of the event.	6 th August
The Minister hosted a stakeholder roundtable on the Bill at St Andrew's House. The participants were: Fraser McKinlay, The Promise Scotland; Louise Hunter, Who Cares? Scotland; Claire Burns, CELCIS; Claire O'Hara, Each and Every Child; Kirsty-Louise Hunt, Barnardo's; Fiona Whitelock, COSLA; Matt Forde, NSPCC; Elliot Jackson, Children's Hearings Scotland; Allan Young, CYCJ; Sioned Ellis, The Fostering Network; Simon McGowan, Children First; Fiona Aitken, Adoption UK; Angie Gillies, AFKA Scotland.	17 th September
The Minister met with Councillor Tony Buchanan, COSLA Spokesperson for Children and Young People, as part of their regular bilateral meetings. The Bill was among the topics discussed. COSLA officials were also present.	17 th September
The Minister met with Fiona Duncan as part of their regular quarterly meetings and the Bill was discussed.	25 th August
As part of a series of meetings with MSPs regarding the Bill, the Minister met with Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Willie Rennie MSP, Martin Whitfield MSP and Pam Duncan-Glancy MSP	29 th September
The Minister met with young people from Grow Your Own Routes and aspects of the Bill were discussed.	30 th October

Continuing the series of MSP engagements, the Minister also met with Miles Briggs MSP, and Roz McCall MSP to discuss the Bill.	30 th October
The Minister met with key staff from Who Cares? Scotland to discuss aspects of the Bill.	4 th November
The Minister met with Fiona Duncan as part of their quarterly meetings and the Bill was discussed.	4 th November
Children's Hearings Improvement Partnership (CHIP)	21 August 2025
COSLA – Advocacy – meeting post-introduction to discuss approach in Bill and data still being sought following original request	16 th July 2025
COSLA – Advocacy – joint meeting to discuss residential care, kinship and advocacy data collation from local authorities	3 rd September 2025
COSLA – Advocacy – follow up email to the meeting of 3 rd September	22 nd September 2025
COSLA – Advocacy – COSLA response to email which did not indicate they could support SG to collate LA data.	26 th September 2025
COSLA – Advocacy – email to ask to meet to discuss how to progress LA data collation	28 th October 2025
Children First – to discuss kinship vision and legislative opportunities	24 th July 2025
The Promise Scotland – Transitions from Care	17 th July 2025
The Promise Scotland and Third Sector (Aberlour, Barnardos, Each and Every Child, Inspiring Scotland, Kings Trust, Right There) – Aftercare and Corporate Parenting	25 th August 2025
Local Authority – Edinburgh – Aftercare	27 th July 2025
Local Authorities - Reviewing Officers Group – Throughcare and Aftercare	19 th August 2025
Local Authority – West Lothian – Aftercare	17 th July 2025
Local Authority – Perth and Kinross – Aftercare	28 th July 2025
Local Authority – Perth and Kinross – Continuing Care and Moving on	13 th August 2025
Local Authority – Perth and Kinross The Promise Delivery Group – Aftercare and Corporate Parenting	13 th October 2025
Local Authority – North Lanarkshire – Aftercare	7 th October 2025
Local Authority – Aberdeenshire – Aftercare	22 nd July 2025

Local Authority – Stirling – Aftercare and Moving On	25 th September 2025
Local Authority – Corporate Parenting Hub Edinburgh – Aftercare and Corporate Parenting	12 th August 2025
Local Authority – Glasgow – Aftercare	16 th October 2025
Social Work Scotland sub-group Standing Committee – Stirling – Aftercare and Corporate Parenting	1 st August 2025
Social Work Scotland – Continuing Care and Aftercare	18 th September 2025
Social Work Scotland – Aftercare	16 th October 2025
Social Work Scotland – Pathways short life working group – Transition Planning and Aftercare	21 st October 2025
Social Work Scotland – Aftercare – Email costs	7 th October 2025
Social Work Scotland – Aftercare/Corporate Parenting	28 th October 2025
Scottish Association of Social Workers – Aftercare and Corporate Parenting	23 rd October 2025
COSLA – Continuing Care and Aftercare	1 st July 2025
COSLA – Continuing Care and Aftercare	23 rd September 2025
COSLA and SWS, Financial Memo, Aftercare	29 th September 2025
CELCIS – Continuing Care and Aftercare	2 nd September 2025
CELCIS – Continuing Care and Aftercare	16 th September 2025
CELCIS – Continuing Care and Aftercare	30 th September 2025
Clan Childlaw – Aftercare	6 th October 2025
Who Cares? Scotland – Aftercare and Corporate Parenting	11 th August 2025
Who Cares? Scotland –Corporate Parenting	30 th September 2025
Who Cares/ Scotland – Aftercare	10 th October 2025
Jasmin Kasaya-Pilling – care leavers	23 June 2025
Adoption UK – Aftercare	21 st October 2025
Who Cares? Scotland – Advocacy – meeting after introduction of Bill	19 th June 2025
Who Cares? Scotland – Advocacy – meeting on Advocacy and wider Bill	11 th August 2025

Who cares? Scotland (children's hearings expert reference group meetings)	26 June 2025
Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance – Advocacy – meeting to discuss provisions in Bill	18 th June 2025
Foster Talk	18 th August 2025
Harmeny Education Trust	18 September 2025 (profit engagement), 25 September 2025 (profit engagement)
<u>Independent Advocacy Perth and Kinross</u>	26 June 2025
Kibble	8 September (profit engagement) 22 September 2025 (profit engagement) , 25 September 2025 (profit engagement)
McSparran McCormick	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
NSPCC	23 June 2025
Nationwide Association of Fostering Providers	4 th August 2025
North Lanarkshire Council	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Ochil Tower School	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Partners in Advocacy	26 June 2025
Renfrewshire Council	3 rd July 2025 – meeting re Advocacy and Care Experience Guidance 8 September (profit engagement)
SSSC	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Scotland Excel	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)

Scottish Kinship Care Alliance	8 September (profit engagement) 20 May 2025 25 September 2025
Scottish Refugee Council	27 th August 2025
Scottish Women's Aid	12 th August 2025
Seamab Care & Education	18 September 2025 (profit engagement), 25 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Sight Scotland	18 September 2025 (profit engagement), 25 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Social Work Scotland	Central Bill Team – 23 rd July, 19 August
Starley Hall	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Stirling Council	18 September 2025 (profit engagement) 25 September
TACT	28 th July 2025 (Foster Care) 17 th September (met with trustees re: CCCESP Bill)
The Fostering Network	24 th June 2025 (Foster care) 29 th July 2025 (on CHS) 5 th August 2025 (Foster Care) 18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
The Promise Scotland	Foster Care – 28 th July 2025

	Central Bill Team – 20th June, 16 th July, 7 th August, 9 October, 23 rd October Advocacy- 8th July 8 September 2025 (Profit engagement) 18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
UHI Perth	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
West Dunbartonshire Council	8 September (profit engagement)
FosterTalk	18 th August 2025
SSSC – Register of Foster Carers	18th August 2025
CELCIS	Foster Care – 4 th September 2025 18 September 2025 (profit engagement) 1 October 2025
National Fostering Agency (Scotland) LTD – re: IFA provision	22 nd September 2025
Carevisions Fostering - – re: IFA provision	23 rd September 2025
Foster Care Associates Scotland – re: IFA provision	24 th September 2025
SWIIS Foster Care – re: IFA provision	24th September 2025
Fostering People Scotland – re: IFA provision	29 th September 2025
Midlothian Council – in person session to discuss a number of policy areas in the Bill	26 th June 2025
Various Advocacy Providers – lifelong advocacy - meetings to discuss approach in Bill and next steps	10 th July 2025 31 st July 2025
Scottish Refugee Council – meeting to discuss definition of care experience	27 th July 2025
The Promise Scotland – meeting to discuss advocacy and definition of care experience	8 th July 2025
The Promise Scotland – meeting to discuss advocacy and definition of care experience	23 rd September 2025
Barnardo's – meeting re advocacy	5 th November 2025

COSLA Promise Leads	26 th June 2025
Phoenix Abbey	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Imagine Care	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Pebbles Care	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Inspire Scotland	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Moorhouse Group	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Bachlaw Projects	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Keilhill Cottage	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Good Shepherd Care	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Step Down	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Rossie	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Falkirk Council	18 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Who Cares? Scotland	8 September (profit engagement) 18 September 2025 (profit engagement) , 2 October 2025
Independent Workers of Great Britain (IWGB) (precarious workers union who represent some foster carers)	22 September 2025 (profit engagement)
Children's Hearings Redesign Board (COSLA, SWS, SCRA, CHS)	18 Jun 2025; 11 Sep 2025
Children's Hearings Academics Roundtable	5 Aug 2025; 16 Oct 2025

Children's Hearings Scotland (CHS)	18 Jun 2025 (Minister present); 1 Aug 2025; 11 Aug 2025; 20 Aug 2025
SCRA	19 Jun 2025; 12 Aug 2025
COSLA	26 Jun 2025 (Promise Leads Network); 24 Jul 2025 (with SWS)
SWS (Social Work Scotland)	11 Jun 2025 (Community Placement Sub Group); 24 Jul 2025 (with COSLA)
Sheriff Mackie	16 Jul 2025; 2 Aug 2025 (with Minister & Brian Taylor)
The Promise Scotland	23 Jun 2025; 22 Jul 2025; 27 Oct 2025
SCTS (Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service)	22 Jul 2025; 24 Oct 2025
Minister (with CHS, Sheriff Mackie, Brian Taylor)	18 Jun 2025; 2 Aug 2025
Children's Hearings Improvement Partnership (CHIP)	21 Aug 2025
SCRA Policy Team / Lead	11 Sep 2025; 29 Sep 2025; 21 Oct 2025; 29 Oct 2025
Clan Childlaw	28 June 2025
Children's Hearings Advocacy Expert Reference Group	26 Jun 2025
The Fostering Network	29 Jul 2025
Scottish Women's Aid	12 Aug 2025