

## Response

I am compiling this response as the chair of North Ayrshires Childrens panel and therefore am putting forward the collective view of North Ayrshire Panel Members and North Ayrshire CPAC members.

After careful study of the relevant proposals we find them to be a sound basis for the New System and a platform to move forward into the reform of the system in a confident and united manner.

We feel the membership of the proposed ASTs to be reasonable and supportive. We note the use of the word "*minimum*" and feel that word is crucial as we would clearly hope for a fuller representation on the AST in respect of panel members than 1 per current area.

We think that clarity needs to be reached in respect of the clerk, their appointment and their role needs to be clearly defined. However we understand this is not possible until an agreement has been reached with the local authorities that the AST would cover. We in North Ayrshire would prefer to retain the same clerk as opposed to a rotation of the clerk from each current local authority and believe retention would aid knowledge and working relationships.

