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Education, Children and Young People Committee
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Education, Children and Young People Committee Members,

— COSLA's Children and Young People Board are delighted to share Local Government's [annual report](#) on The Promise.

Since the Care Review published its conclusions and The Promise, Local Government have wholeheartedly committed to delivering on the ambition that Scotland's children grow up loved, safe and respect.

Throughout the report you'll read about service transformation and redesign; delivery of services informed by the views and voice of children, young people and families and how local authorities are building capacity for systemic and lasting change.

I hope you can see the volume of work, the commitment and passion that exists across Local Government to Keep The Promise to our children and young people. While not the purpose of this report, I'd ask you to keep this at the forefront of your mind when discussing the future of a National Care Service and Children's Services. Particularly given the concerns raised by Local Government and partners on the risks that such structural reform will stall and delay current and future progress.

Should you wish to discuss the annual report or Local Government's work on The Promise, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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