

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for consulting with Ards Borough Council on the document entitled "Families Matter: Supporting Families in Northern Ireland".

The document was considered at a recent meeting of the Council's Health & Social Services Committee, together with a proposed response to the document by Children in Northern Ireland (CiNi).

The Committee resolved to respond supporting the comments made in the submission forwarded to you by CiNi.

Members further commented that, while provision should rightly be made for families with problems, it would also be desirable to have measures in place which would assist other families to "enjoy" their children and to give general support and advice.

I hope that these comments will assist you in your deliberations.

Yours faithfully
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