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Dear Colleague

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RESPONSIBILITIES, ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TRUSTS IN THE DISCHARGE OF RELEVANT PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES FUNCTIONS TO SAFEGUARD AND PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN

You may recall that a draft of the above was issued for consultation and responses were received earlier this year from a number of Boards and Trusts. The Department has considered the comments received and has, where appropriate, amended the draft circular in light of these.

This circular, which is now in final form, sets out the current legislative background, roles and responsibilities of the Department, Boards and Trusts in relation to their statutory functions to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. I should be grateful if you would now draw the circular to the attention of all managers and staff for information and action as appropriate.

A further circular will be issued in due course describing respective roles and responsibilities for the full range of personal social services functions within the new structures to be established under Review of Public Administration. I trust you will find this helpful as we move into a new era for the delivery of the personal social services.

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