

15 August 1995

Your Ref: -

To: Chief Executives/Interim Clerks
of New Councils

Our Ref: P/11/7/4-DMW/IS

Dear Chief Executive/Interim Clerk

SEMINAR ON SOCIAL WORK ISSUES FOR THE NEW COUNCILS - 1 SEPTEMBER 1995

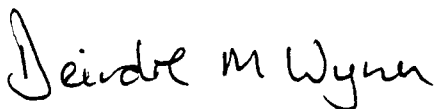
I am writing to give you advance notice of a seminar which will take place in the COSLA offices on Friday 1 September 1995 at which there will be a number of short presentations on social work issues facing the new councils and on the major aspects of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 which is likely to be implemented sometime after October 1996. There will also be an opportunity for debate and discussion following both the morning and afternoon sessions but the seminar will finish promptly at 3.00pm.

An invitation is extended to your council to be represented at the seminar by the appropriate elected member and by your Director of Social Work or Chief Social Work Officer, as appropriate. Because of the limited space available on the day, I would ask that you restrict your representation to a maximum of two although it may be possible, in the light of responses received, to accommodate requests for additional places and I would ask you to indicate on the enclosed booking form the names of those who intend to be present. There is no charge for the seminar and lunch will be provided.

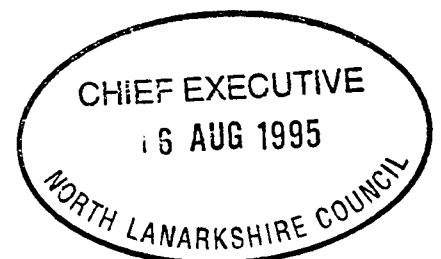
A draft programme is enclosed and a final version will be sent to you when I have received confirmation from all of the speakers.

I hope that your council will wish to be represented at the seminar which will provide the first opportunity for senior spokespersons and newly appointed Directors to meet in the COSLA offices.

Yours sincerely



Deirdre M Wynn
Assistant Secretary

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KEY SOCIAL WORK ISSUES FOR THE NEW COUNCILS

Friday 1 September 1995
Rosebery House, Edinburgh

- 10.00am** Coffee
- 10.30am** Introduction by Councillor Harry Brown, Convener, COSLA Social Work Committee
- 10.40am** A Political Perspective -
Councillor Brian Cavanagh, Convener, Social Work Committee,
Lothian Regional Council
and Member of City of Edinburgh Council
- 11.00am** The Professional View -
Peter Bates, President, Association of Directors of Social Work
- 11.20am** The Role of The Scottish Office Social Work Services Group -
Niall Campbell, Under-Secretary
- 11.40am** Discussion and Questions to Speakers
- 12.30pm** Buffet Lunch
- The Children (Scotland) Act 1995 - An Overview**
- 1.30pm** Spokesperson from The Scottish Office Social Work Services Group
(approx)
- 1.50pm** Mary Hartnoll, Director of Social Work, Strathclyde Regional Council
- 2.10pm** Dr Bronwen Cohen, Director of Children in Scotland
- 2.20pm** Discussion and Questions
- 3.00pm** Close

SOCIAL WORK ISSUES AND THE NEW COUNCILS

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Authority _____

Name 1 _____ Designation _____

Name 2 _____ Designation _____

Address for
Correspondence _____

_____ Postcode _____

Name and Tel No
of Contact Person _____

Please state if you have any _____
special requirements, eg
dietary, disabled access,
audio, visual, childminding _____

Please return this form by **Monday 28 August 1995**. There is no charge for the seminar. Confirmation of bookings will be issued.

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