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Dear Mr Williamson

**Re: Children involved in prostitution**

I am writing to inform you of a meeting of the Government Working Group on "children abused through prostitution" which I attended on 14th August 1998 to present information about the work in Nottinghamshire. At the meeting were representatives of the Home Office Sentencing Unit, HMI, SSI, CPS, DFEE and ACPO.

It was a very interesting meeting at which I learnt that the Government is planning to establish specific guidance in respect of children involved in prostitution which will have the same status as 'Working Together'. All participants commented extremely positively about the work in Nottinghamshire in which the officers of anti-vice have played a significant role. The Chairperson, Betty Moxon (Sentencing and Offences Unit) was particularly impressed by a number of aspects of their practice - i.e. a named officer for each children's residential unit, named officer for each child who comes to their attention and the designated officer for boys.

It was indicated at the meeting that the work in Nottinghamshire will be used as "good practice" examples in the national guidance.

If you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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cc: Inspector Paul Walker - Anti-vice