

**DRAFT WITNESS STATEMENT OF
NICCY MODULE 2C UK COVID
INQUIRY**

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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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| NICCY: | Koulla Yiasouma - Commssioner Mairead McCafferty - Chief Executive |
| Dept of Education: | Peter Weir - Minister Peter Martin - SpAd Name Redacted Inclusion & Wellbeing Directorate |

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| <p>SEND Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation delayed again – autumn time / Sept prob re' consultation. • PW req'd £74m and received £60m - £44m of which is recurrent costs. He will probably use part of a £10m alloc' for autism training. <p>Emotional Health & Wellbeing Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We did not get to this. <p>Counselling Provision in Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We did not get to this. <p>Independent Review of Education [NDNA]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some financial allocation to start this in year; • To consult on ToR; • NICCY will inform these. <p>Education Transformation Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'stalled' somewhat however, we said we'd get update from relevant Officials as per their periodic updates to us. <p>Anti-Bullying Act Implementation of Guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed need to implement following Unions' cessation of industrial action; • We would like to see this actioned asap – DE update us. <p>NB: Noelle Buick Chief Inspector had retired.</p> <p>Schools' Budgets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £226m got; • Total of £103m costs - £35m in 'pot' so got £68m iro Industrial Action resolution – so £68m is recurrent; • £15m of the 68m was part of the back pay settlement. <p>ADDITIONAL:</p> <p>RSE / CEDAW Rec:</p> | <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>NICCY</p> <p>NICCY</p> <p>DE</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the recommendation from the UN Committee and recent legislation re' abortion: DE responsible for changes to the RSE curriculum; • PW said he would be taking legal advice re this; • NICCY to write formally to him on this. | NICCY |
| <p>Children's & Young People's Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW informed this has been signed off and is ready to go to the Executive; few minor tweaks e.g. years covered, reference to ACES mentioned; • To follow up. | NICCY |