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NATIONAL ADVOCACY SERVICE FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS

Dear Colleague

I am writing to inform you of a change to the National Advocacy Service for Additional Support Needs.

I am pleased to confirm that Govan Law Centre, in partnership with Barnardo's Scotland, have been awarded the contract for the National Advocacy Service until March 2021. To promote the national reach of the service, it has been renamed **Let's Talk ASN Scotland.**

The service will continue to provide advocacy and legal representation, on request and free of charge, to parents and young people who may require support in relation to a dispute, or potential dispute with an education authority. The contact details for the service remain unchanged and are noted below.

Let's Talk ASN Scotland
c/o Govan Law Centre
18-20 Orkney Street
Glasgow
G51 2BZ
Telephone: 0141 445 1955
Email: letstalkasn@edlaw.org.uk
Web Address : http://www.govanlawcentre.org

I would ask that information on the service continues to be provided to parents and young people, as necessary. Let's Talk ASN Scotland will continue to work with parents and young people to promote the early and local resolution of cases, where this is appropriate.

In addition, as you will be aware, the Additional Support Needs Tribunal transferred into the Health and Education Chamber of the First-Tier Tribunal in January 2018. The Additional Support Needs Tribunal recently moved into new premises and the contact details are noted

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below. I would be grateful if you could ensure that these are up-to-date in any correspondence issued about the Tribunal.

2nd Floor
Glasgow Tribunals Centre
20 York Street
GLASGOW
G2 8GT
Telephone: 0141 302 5860
Email: ASNTribunal@scotcourtstribunals.gov.uk
Web Address: https://www.healthandeducationchamber.scot/index.php/home

I appreciate your assistance in these matters. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued commitment to seek to resolve concerns at an early stage, where this is appropriate. I also welcome your support in encouraging parents, carers and children and young people to consider accessing support, information and advice in relation to their or their child's additional support needs.

Yours sincerely

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