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2 December 2021

Mr John Swinney MSP
Deputy First Minister
St. Andrew's House
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Dear Deputy First Minister

Redress Scheme

Rossie Young People's Trust has worked very closely with your staff over the past two years to contribute to the development of all aspects of the Scheme.

Rossie Young People's Trust is a provider of care, education, health and psychological services to the most vulnerable young people across Scotland and the UK. We are a high performing and sector leading service that has invested heavily in ensuring all young people who live with us get the best quality services, provided by highly trained staff who understand the trauma our young people will have experienced in their lives. Our relentless determination for improvement demonstrates that we abhor any form of abuse or neglect. We recognise, and are both privileged and proud that we are pivotal in the lives of our young people and continue to make significant positive differences to their futures. We count ourselves fortunate that our former residents stay in touch and know they can rely on our support if they need it. Our young people are part of the "Rossie Family" regardless of the length of time it has been since they lived with us.

As a service provider we have been actively engaged with the Scottish Government in discussions related to the development of Redress Scotland. This is a national historical scheme for children and young people who were placed in residential care and did not receive the care, support, kindness and development opportunities they deserved.

As part of the national landscape of care providers we have chosen to be part of the collective endeavour to demonstrate that abuse of children and young people of any

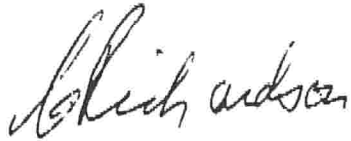
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form is not acceptable to us. Consequently, we are making a financial contribution to Redress Scotland in recognition of the harms which have been done through historical child abuse.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Carole Richardson', written in black ink.

Carole Richardson
Chair, Board of Governors

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