

17th May 2009.

Dear All.

Just a note to update everyone.

FBGA were recently afforded the opportunity to have a preliminary meeting to explain some of the reasoning and thinking behind FBGA's recent submission to the Scottish Government in relation to the consultation for "Acknowledgement and Accountability".

FBGA found the meeting productive, helpful and beneficial.

FBGA have also now put forward the following additions as part of our Acknowledgement and Accountability submission:

1. That independent impartial **mediation** should also be considered and included within the processes. We believe that this may be a useful way forward to help resolve some of the issues.
2. FBGA have also specifically requested at the meeting that an organisation that represents the views and opinions of those individuals who claim that they are falsely accused such as FACT (falsely accused carers and teachers) or a similar organisation representing this particular group of individual's views and opinions be consulted as part of the wider Acknowledgement and Accountability consultation.

The issues outlined in the FBGA submission document will require further analysis and consideration and detailed discussion as an integral part of the various processes envisaged such as the pilot/trial of Acknowledgement and Accountability and the final process itself when it is established.

FBGA have been assured at the meeting that we will continue to be kept fully informed by the Scottish Officials as to the progress of dealing with and resolving in-care Historical abuse issues in the wider sense and, in particular, as they relate to the Acknowledgement and Accountability consultation process. We welcome this commitment.

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