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Dear Ned

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION PE1548 (National Guidance on Restraint and Seclusion in Schools)

Thank you for your letter of 27 May 2015 on this topic and for your subsequent email dated 1 September 2015.

Our apologies for not replying sooner but we have no record of receiving the original correspondence.

On behalf of GTC Scotland I would make two points.

Firstly, in response to your question whether teachers teaching severely disabled children should be required to undertake specific training on when and how to use physical intervention, GTC Scotland would always support the premise that teachers should have access to all the professional learning necessary to allow them to undertake their jobs to the very highest standards possible.

Secondly, if such a requirement was felt to be required and was to be introduced nationally then this would be an employment matter rather than a registration matter and hence one for local authorities or private employers providing such specialist provision.

I hope these two points help the Committee in its consideration of this important matter.

Yours sincerely

Kenneth Muir
Chief Executive