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Dear Wilma

### Review of the Youth Courts in Hamilton and Airdrie

At the Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority Board meeting of 4 September Members had before them your letter of 16 June and appreciated the **“assurance that the views of the Authority are being fully considered as part of the review”**.

Members also noted from your letter that the final report was to be submitted to Ministers towards the end of June 2009 and that the provision of a full twelve month funding for 2009/10 for the Youth Courts was **“designed to ensure that in the event that a decision is made to discontinue funding, all the agencies and their staff are given sufficient length of notice to make alternative arrangements”**.

I have been asked to write by the Board in order to emphasise our partners, particularly those from the Local Authorities, expressed great concern at the potential impact this review could have on services and people's jobs and that the lack of any decision to date is unhelpful particularly since the provision of the Youth Court is considered to have had a positive effect on the local justice system by those closely involved.

In closing I would seek an update about what is happening with the review and in particular when a decision can be expected.

Yours sincerely

Tony McNulty  
Chief Officer