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PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1430

RESPONSE FROM COSLA

Petition by Ewan Cameron calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to consider new legislation to ensure that child minding businesses of more than six children operate on equal terms when competing with more regulated pre-school nurseries.

- What are your views on what the petition seeks?

Parents must have confidence in the suitability of those looking after their children. The Care Inspectorate register and inspect child minding services.

Child minders and pre-school nurseries offer different services which don't require the same staff qualifications or regulations. Having consulted, COSLA is content with the current Care Inspectorate regime and does not see the need for new legislation, which has the potential to increase costs and reduce choice for parents.

Regards,

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