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Dear Colleague

I am pleased to inform you that the Technical MA Framework for the PDA Childhood Practice (Level 9) has been approved by the Modern Apprentice Group (MAG). In line with Scottish Government's priority skills policy the Modern Apprenticeship Group (MAG) identified that the Framework would initially be available for 20-24 year olds.

The SSSC is currently in negotiations with Scottish Government about this as it is the view of employers in the sector that over 24s comprise the main group that would require skills development funding under this framework. I will provide you with additional information when colleagues in the Scottish Governments Employability, Skills and Lifelong Learning Directorate respond to our request.

Meanwhile, the following links provide further information surrounding SDS and the implementation of the Framework.

Link to MA contribution rates:

http://www.providercentral.org.uk/OurServices/NationalTrainingProgrammes/Modern_Apprenticeships.aspx

Link to MA Frameworks:

<http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/our-services/modern-apprenticeships/ma-frameworks.aspx>

Link to Childhood Practice Framework:

<http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/our-services/modern-apprenticeships/ma-frameworks/children's-care,-learning-and-development.aspx>



I am aware you will have your own SDS contact if you currently offer Modern Apprenticeships. Can I suggest you discuss your higher level apprentice needs with them in the first instance or contact Jane Duffy jane.duffy@sds.co.uk.

I would also be grateful if you could distribute this letter to all partners that deliver the PDA Level 9 Childhood Practice with you, to inform them of this development.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in the sector who provided invaluable support in the development of the Framework and I will keep you informed of any further developments around the issue of age range for the award.

All of the relevant information surrounding this framework will shortly be on the SSSC website, meanwhile if you have any questions surrounding it please don't hesitate to contact Brian Smith brian.smith@sssc.uk.com who will try to assist.

Yours sincerely



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