

Letter from the Chair

29 June 2026

Dear colleague,



The Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA) as a public body operates within a wider care system. It acts as a referral gateway for individuals and agencies who have a concern about a child or young person's wellbeing and where compulsory state intervention may be required. SCRA's main responsibilities include facilitating the work of Children's Reporters; deploying and managing staff to support that work; and providing suitable accommodation for children's hearings.

As a board, we work as a team and I am looking for new board members who are collaborative, who can support and challenge the senior management team and each other as we steer SCRA through a period of reform and redesign in response to significant changes in legislation. These new board member positions will be challenging roles working in a complex landscape where children and young people tell us that they expect change and improvement to be delivered.

This is a great opportunity to help shape the vision for the future of the children's hearings system, while delivering ministers' priorities for the system as it is now, and in the coming years.

SCRA is seeking to further broaden the diversity of its board, as it values highly the benefits that diverse perspectives and experience bring. We strongly encourage people from a wide range of backgrounds and under-reflected groups to apply, including from different socio-economic backgrounds.

I would very much appreciate your support in publicising these appointments and circulating information through your networks and to those you consider may be interested applying to join the SCRA board. More information on the roles, including the skills and experience required and details on how to apply can be found at www.jobs.gov.scot/public-appointments.

I would also encourage those interested in the roles to attend an online drop-in session being held at **6.00 pm on Tuesday, 14 July 2026** where we will be discussing the roles and appointment process. Those interested in attending should contact Pamela.Armstrong@scra.gov.uk at SCRA for further details and a link to the event.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Cathie Cowan

Chair of the board of the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration