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Re: Scouting Ireland Progress Report DCYA Publication

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Dear Member,

Scouting Ireland had a very positive meeting with Minister Zappone and officials from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs last Wednesday.

The meeting discussed the Updated Progress Report submitted to the Minister by Scouting Ireland. The report sets out our progress in governance and safeguarding and the phenomenal work we as an organisation have achieved since March 2019. You can read the report [here](#).

The Minister has today acknowledged the significant progress achieved by our organisation particularly in the area of safeguarding and confirmed our funding up to the end of April 2020.

I am pleased to confirm that we have

- implemented all the recommendations from Jillian van Turnout's Governance Review
- completed the SI Tusla Action Plan
- made strides in compliance with the Governance Code and
- implemented structures that are clear and concise with clear lines of accountability and responsibility.

There are two final pieces of work to be completed - The conclusion of the independent barristers report and Ian Elliott's final report which is due Q1 2020. We agreed to meet again with the Minister next March, when both these items should be completed.

Minister Zappone issued a press release today regarding our Progress Report which you can view [here](#).

None of this has been easy nor are we finished. We must continue to drive not only structural change across the organisation but we must champion the cultural change to ensure this organisation meets its potential for all our members.

Yours in Scouting,

Adrian Tennant
Chairperson
Scouting Ireland Board of Directors