

**Councillor Ketan Sheth**

Chair, Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Brent Council

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Dear Councillor Sheth,

Thank you for your letter regarding funding for Brent's Local Safeguarding Children Board and I apologise for the delay in responding to you. The Mayor and I recognise the importance of our safeguarding responsibilities and partnership working is essential in relation to safeguarding children and young people. Earlier in the year I spoke at the London Safeguarding Children Board which was attended by the local Chairs and I outlined the new Police and Crime Plan for London which was published at the end of March.

MOPAC has committed to continue to provide funding to the London Safeguarding Children Board and will continue to work with the local Safeguarding Children Boards. We are still working on the budget that will support the delivery of the new Police and Crime Plan. Whilst I appreciate your concerns over the level of funding, for me what is more important is how we get maximum value from the funding. This is something we will be developing in consultation with the London Safeguarding Children Board over the coming months and how best to align the funding to the Police and Crime Plan priorities.

I appreciate your continued support and work to safeguard and protect children and young people in London.

Yours sincerely,



Sophie Linden

**Deputy Mayor for Policing And Crime**