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Dear Geoff

**Re Looked after Children: Knowledge, skills and competences of health care staff -
Intercollegiate role framework**

We are writing to express our concern regarding the above document which was revised and published in March 2015. We voiced our concerns to you about the limited consultation with relevant experts, including CoramBAAF and BACCH. and you were able to reassure us that future revisions would be subject to wider consultation with paediatricians working in the field.

Our members are now advising that the intercollegiate competency framework significantly underestimates the time required for the medical adviser roles in fostering and adoption, as well as the clinical and admin resource required for Initial Health Assessments. This is causing problems as the framework is often used as the basis for commissioning services. The nursing wte seems to be more reflective of the services needed probably due to the extensive consultation with the RCN. There are also concerns about how the competencies link in with the CSAC training requirements and syllabus.

We would be grateful if you could consider an early revision of the Intercollegiate Role Framework with a much wider expert consultation so that the document reflects the work required and can be used as a realistic basis for commissioning, service planning and delivery of effective services. CoramBAAF Health Group remains a Special Interest Group of the RCPCH and would always be available to contribute or lead on this and other work relating to Looked after children. BACCH has a wider remit but a clear role in this area also.

We would be very happy to discuss this further with you.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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BACCH rep to CoramBAAF