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Dear Ms Baillie

Thank you for your email dated 31 May 2013 about protecting a child under a supervision order.

You asked ".....what are the basics of protecting the child under a supervision order?" I am not sure exactly what information you are seeking.

The only supervision orders that Child, Youth and Family have are in relation to Youth Justice. A young offender can be sentenced to supervision, supervision with activity or supervision with residence. Section 305 sets out the conditions that apply for such an order as follows.

### **305 Conditions of supervision order**

Where the court makes an order under section 283(k) placing a young person under the supervision of the chief executive or a person or organisation specified in the order, the following conditions shall apply:

- (a) the social worker or person or organisation under whose supervision the young person is may, at all reasonable times, visit and enter the building or place in which the young person is living
- (b) the young person shall report to the social worker or person or organisation as and when the young person is required to do so by the social worker or person or a representative of the organisation
- (c) the young person shall not reside at an address at which that social worker or person or organisation has directed the young person not to reside
- (d) the young person shall only continue in employment, or continue to engage in any occupation, approved by that social worker or person or organisation
- (e) the young person shall ensure that the social worker or person or organisation knows at all times of the address at which the young person is residing for the time being
- (f) the young person shall not associate with any specified person, or with persons of any specified class, with whom the social worker or person or organisation has, in writing, warned the young person not to associate.

If you are asking what happens if care and protection concerns arise while a young person is on supervision, then the process is the same as any child with care and protection concerns. Child, Youth and Family would investigate those concerns, and take the steps necessary. Young people can often have both youth justice and care and protection issues occurring concurrently. In these cases, there are usually two social workers allocated – one a youth Justice specialist and the other a care and protection Social Worker. They work together, and with the young person and their family, to come up with a plan that addresses both the offending and the care and protection issues.

I hope this information is helpful. If you need further clarification or further information please let me know. I would be happy to look into any other matters that you might wish to raise.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Pat Thomas', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

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