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Could you please pass the attached letter from Fran Fuller the BASW Chair to Maurice and Corinne. Thank you.

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21<sup>st</sup> January 2011

Dear Corinne and Maurice

I write in response to Maurice's letter of January 17<sup>th</sup> in which he asserts that all your actions in respect of your deal with Unison were 'appropriate and legal'.

The letter does not address the questions I asked on December 16<sup>th</sup> and denies that the way this deal was announced, without discussion with an organisation to whom you had already expressed your commitment to convergence, was unethical.

BASW is fully committed to the development of an independent and effective College of Social Work, led by and accountable to social workers. We are determined that a College of Social Work should take on greater responsibility to ensure that our profession serves the public well and is seen to be doing so.

It is therefore with regret that I write to tell you that BASW has no confidence in the way that you and the Interim Board have conducted business in relation to the development of a College of Social Work.

We can clearly demonstrate that BASW entered into discussions with you in good faith and we have been deeply disappointed by the manner of your response.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, despite having entered into a negotiating process where we had indicated our willingness to discuss relations with Unison, you gave us one hour's notice of a press release where you announced that a deal had in principle been agreed.

We are advised that this agreement is unlawful and it is certainly anti-competitive because the substantial public funds available to the College will enable it to provide services currently offered by this independent professional association, exclusively to Unison members, at a considerable discount.

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As you are aware, BASW owns the College of Social Work company registration and we have a constitution which already commits us to the work of a College. On Monday January 24<sup>th</sup> we will be announcing the creation of **BASW – The College of Social Work** and its taking on of responsibility for all such work.

We have a growing membership, we are led by and accountable to social workers, we are independent and we are representative of the Social Work profession across the whole of the UK and Isle of Man.

I have written to the Prime Minister to set out this intention and as a consequence, to recommend to him that he withdraw the grant due to you for 2011/12 and to re-invest it in frontline services. Given that you do not have a right to use the name 'College of Social Work', we must request that you cease to use this title forthwith.

If you believe the Interim Board and yourselves would like to offer BASW - The College of Social Work any support please feel free to contact me at any time.

Any practical matters stemming from these new arrangements can be discussed with our Chief Executive.

Yours sincerely



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