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## Family Violence Collaboration

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Dear Erin

I hope this finds you well.

My reason for writing is to acknowledge the important contribution that Ebborn Law has made to support Cantabrians who live with family violence.

I am aware that over the last year you and your staff have participated in at least two half day professional development opportunities that were offered to the sector by our Learning and Development work stream.

During these sessions you presented important legal information in relation to the safety and wellbeing of children and families to the 160 family violence practitioners who attended.

Following both these workshops we received a large amount of positive comments. This feedback included remarks on the quality of the material used, your considerable legal expertise, ability to answer complex questions, and the professionalism in which you both displayed in representing Ebborn Law.

I am aware that you and Amy undertook this work at no cost to the organisers. In addition preparation and travel time would have clearly imposed a direct financial cost to Ebborn Law.

Thank you for your willingness to be see the benefits of this type of professional development opportunity and for supporting the Staff Learning and Development work stream to realise their goals.

To finish I do want to acknowledge the other contributions that Ebborn Law has made to the family violence sector.

- I am aware that you are involved in voluntary governance roles for two community social service organisations.



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- I know that Ebborn Law delivered education workshops on changes to the Family Court. The initial workshop was the result of Ebborn Law donating considerable amounts of staff time to organising and presenting. You also kindly met the cost of radio advertising. Demand for these workshops was high and as a result they were delivered throughout the country.
- I am aware that Ebborn Law have been very generous donors at various refuge charity auctions and fund raising events.

On behalf of the Canterbury family violence sector thank you for everything you and your staff have done over many years to promote safety, security and wellbeing for children and families in our community.

Yours sincerely

John Henderson  
Chairperson  
Canterbury Family Violence Collaboration