# Transcript – CELCIS blog – Information is Power – Anne Lee

My name is Anne Lee. I'm a Glasgow panel member, and I'm also the Learning and Development Coordinator for local training for Glasgow panel members. The centrepiece, if you like, of evidence is an integrated report, which comes from a range of professionals but which is coordinated by the child's social worker or the professional. But alongside that is the evidence that we get on the day, which will include the child's parents, possibly a foster carer, sometimes additional professionals, and most importantly, from the child or young person themselves. I think it would be fair to say that there are some social workers who, clearly because they come from the view of wanting to support and protect the child, are perhaps sometimes concerned that we might be over persuaded or swayed by arguments that come from the parents, and the parents’ solicitors. And I suppose what we have to do is quite challenging in that we really do need to listen to parents with an open mind. And quite often parents won't necessarily be disagreeing with the whole of the report, but they'll be wanting us to assess or to see what's been said about them potentially in a different light - they'll obviously be trying to make the best of their case. We need to listen to that. And weigh up, where there is a contradiction, what the parent is saying with what the Social Work report says.