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Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children

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Dear Cabinet Secretary

Children, Young People and Education Committee inquiry into statutory advocacy provision

The Children, Young People and Education Committee is undertaking some work in relation to statutory advocacy provision in Wales.

To assist the Committee with its work, I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with the following information:

The National Approach to Statutory Advocacy for Children and Young People

1. What is the latest position in relation to the implementation of the National Approach to Advocacy Services? Is there a draft version of the National Approach? If yes, how long has a draft version been under consideration? Can a copy be provided to the Committee?
2. How will the National Approach be fully implemented? What are the timescales for implementation?
3. What assessment has been made of the costs of implementing the National Approach? How will these costs be met?
4. How will you assess the impact and outcomes for children and young people of a National Approach?



The impact of Part 10 of the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014

5. What are the implications of provisions in the Act on advocacy services for children and young people?

6. How will you assess the impact of provisions in the Act that relate to advocacy and the associated Code of Practice on Advocacy?

7. Do you have evidence that the provisions relating to advocacy in the Social Services and Well-Being Act 2014 have resulted in better outcomes for children and young people?

The Committee is grateful for your assistance with this matter and looks forward to receiving your response. In order to fully inform the Committee's work, I would be grateful if you could provide this information by 11 November.

Yours Sincerely



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