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Subject: Youth Justice and Children, Young People and Education Committee

Date: April 2025

Dear Buffy,

I have been appointed by the UK Government as Youth Justice Board member for Wales and am writing given the links between Youth Justice and the work of the Children, Young People and Education Committee. Education, health, care services, and social care all relate to children who are at risk of entering the youth justice system. They are also fundamental to helping Youth Justice Services support children in the system, whether on preventative or diversionary interventions or in helping children access services to meet requirements of community or custodial Orders. The YJB's Child First approach aligns with your Committee's objectives. The YJB believes that ensuring policy and practice embed holistic Child First approaches which are also trauma-informed and rights based will help all children in Wales achieve their potential.

As Chair of the Senedd Children, Young People and Education Committee, I would welcome the opportunity to meet you

If you agree I would be grateful if your office would contact at YJBCymru@yjb.gov.uk and I will ensure this meeting is prioritised.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karin Philips', written over a light purple rectangular background.

Karin Philips

Youth Justice Board Member for Wales

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