

**Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc  
ac Addysg**

**Children, Young People  
and Education Committee**

Mark Drakeford MS  
First Minister for Wales  
Julie Morgan MS  
Deputy Minister for Social Services

28 February 2023

**Notification of the publication of key documents relating to our inquiry into radical reform of services for care experienced children**

Dear Mark and Julie,

As you know, the Children, Young People and Education Committee is currently undertaking an inquiry into radical reform of services for care experienced children and young people.

I would like to bring to your attention a [statistical briefing](#) produced by Senedd Research to support our inquiry. The briefing sets out some of the characteristics of 'children looked after', parental factors, social services expenditure and workforce information. It also sets out outcomes for children and young people where these are measured and published.

In early March we will also be publishing on our [inquiry page](#) a series of reports setting out the findings of our engagement and stakeholder events. They are:

- An engagement findings report: summarising the findings of 11 separate visits across Wales to talk to birth parents; care experienced children and young people; and staff who work along children and young people who have experience of the care system.
- Stakeholder event summaries:
  - With birth parents on 26 January, focusing on the 'before care' inquiry strand
  - With professionals and academics on 26 January, focusing on the 'before care' inquiry strand

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- With professionals and academics on 2 February, focusing on the 'in care' inquiry strand
- With children and young people on 15 February, focusing on the 'in care' and 'after care' inquiry strands

We will share these reports with you under embargo as soon as we are able to do so.

We intend to publish our final report, alongside a summary version, in May.

I look forward to discussing the important issues raised throughout this inquiry with the Deputy Minister on 9 March. In the meantime, I hope that you find these briefings and reports useful. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the Committee clerks at any time (SeneddChildren@Senedd.Wales).

Yours sincerely,



Jayne Bryant MS

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.