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Children's Commissioner for Wales

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Request for a response to the Welsh Government's response to our report, 'If not now, then when?'

Dear Rocio,

As you may be aware, on 24 May 2023 the Children, Young People and Education Committee published its report on radical reform of services for care experienced children and young people. The Welsh Government responded to our report on 5 July 2023.

The Senedd debated the report and the Welsh Government's response on 12 July 2023. We invited the children and young people, professionals and academics who contributed to our inquiry to come to the Senedd to watch that debate live from the public gallery. We were delighted that around 90 people came, almost filling the public gallery. You may find the contributions of Members across the Senedd during that debate of interest.

As a Committee, we are disappointed with the Welsh Government's response. We have therefore asked the Deputy Minister of Social Services to give further evidence to Committee on 14 September to explore her response in more detail. We are pleased that the Deputy Minister has accepted that invitation.

We have written to the Deputy Minister to request additional information to support that session. We would also like to hear your views on the Welsh Government's response to help us as we consider how to take these important issues forward.

Please can you provide us with your views on the Welsh Government's response to our report in a general sense, and on a recommendation by recommendation basis, no later than Friday 25 August?

If this timetable is challenging please do not hesitate to contact our clerks
(SeneddChildren@Senedd.Wales).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The script is cursive and fluid.

Jayne Bryant MS
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.