Dear Dai,

Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2019–20

In advance of our respective committees' scrutiny of the Welsh Government’s Draft Budget 2019–20, I wanted to write to inform you of the Children, Young People and Education Committee’s proposed approach.

I wrote to relevant Welsh Government Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers in August 2018 to request written information to inform our scrutiny. My letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services and the Minister for Children, Older People and Social Care has been published, and may be of interest to you given the overlapping nature of our remits. To avoid any unnecessary duplication of effort, if there are any issues of relevance to children’s health and social services that you would like us to cover in our scrutiny of the Welsh Government, please let me know.

I also wanted to draw to your attention that, in light of our recent inquiry into the emotional and mental health of children and young people, and the findings of our Mind over Matter report, one of the areas we are likely to focus on is the funding available for the emotional and mental health of children and young people, including the funding available for children and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS). Again, if there are any particular issues relating to the emotional and mental health of children and young people that you would like us to cover, please get in touch.
I hope this letter is of use to you, and will enable us to share any relevant information with one another.

Yours sincerely,

Lynne Neagle AM
Chair