Dear colleague

Suicide Prevention

I am writing with regard to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee’s inquiry into suicide prevention.

You will be aware that the Committee published its report, Everybody's Business: A report on suicide prevention in Wales, in December 2018. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you for your contribution to this work. Your input was very helpful and raised a number of important issues for us to consider.

We undertook this inquiry to understand what is currently being done with regard to suicide prevention, and where action is needed to drive the change and improvements necessary to reverse a worrying trend in suicides across Wales. We made 31 recommendations to the Welsh Government in our report which, if implemented, would represent a big step forward.

The Welsh Government issued a response to the report in January 2019, and we indicated at that time that we would revisit the progress around a number of these recommendations over the next six to 12 months.

We would like to hear your views on the Welsh Government’s response to the report and, in particular, whether there is any new or updated evidence that you would like to provide to help inform any future scrutiny the Committee may wish to undertake.

I would be grateful if you would submit your evidence by 14 October 2019, using the following email address – seddhealth@assembly.wales. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the clerking team using the above email address.

Kind regards

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