

Councillor Christine Jones  
Cabinet Member for Social Services  
Flintshire County Council

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Dear Cllr. Jones

**Childcare Offer for Wales – Flintshire**

Thank you for your letter to the Children, Young People and Education Committee relating to the implementation of the childcare offer in Flintshire (4 June 2018). Members were pleased to note the progress you reported in relation to the offer.

As you will be aware, the Committee is currently scrutinising the Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill. This Bill gives the Welsh Ministers the power to provide funding for childcare for qualifying children of working parents and to make regulations about the arrangements for administering and operating such funding. The information accompanying the Bill states that its aim is to help facilitate the national roll out of the Welsh Government's childcare offer.

In order to assess the general principles underpinning the Bill – particularly the need for legislation – the Committee would welcome further details of the evidence base on which your letter draws. We would be grateful to receive the information as soon as possible as we must lay our report by 18 July 2018.

Yours sincerely,



**Lynne Neagle AM**

Chair

Cc Neil Ayling, Chief Officer for Social Services

