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Dear Ms Button,

The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee is currently undertaking an inquiry that is seeking to examine the extent of the problem of suicide in Wales and what can be done to address it. Specifically, we are considering:

- The extent of the problem of suicide in Wales and evidence for its causes – including numbers of people dying by suicide, trends and patterns in the incidence of suicide; vulnerability of particular groups; risk factors influencing suicidal behaviour.
- The social and economic impact of suicide.
- The effectiveness of the Welsh Government's approach to suicide prevention – including the suicide prevention strategy *Talk to me 2* and its impact at the local, regional and national levels; the effectiveness of multi-agency approaches to suicide prevention; public awareness campaigns; reducing access to the means of suicide.
- The contribution of the range of public services to suicide prevention, and mental health services in particular.
- The contribution of local communities and civil society to suicide prevention.
- Other relevant Welsh Government strategies and initiatives – for example *Together for Mental Health*, data collection, policies relating to community resilience and safety.
- Innovative approaches to suicide prevention.

The Committee is seeking the views of relevant stakeholders and would be grateful for details of relevant work or initiatives being undertaken by universities,



particularly in relation to identifying students in need of support, and raising awareness about support services among students and staff. We would be grateful if you could provide details of any initiatives by 15 June.

Further information on the Committee's inquiry can be found on our website:

<http://senedd.assembly.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=20058>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Lloyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Dr Dai Lloyd AM
Chair, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

