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Dear Both,

Changes to the curriculum in Wales

The Committee very much welcomed meeting the new Chief Medical Officer, Dr Frank Atherton at our meeting on 2 March 2017. This meeting formed part of the general scrutiny of the CMO's Annual Report 2015/16 and allowed the Committee to explore the direction of travel Welsh Government are taking to improve the health of our young people in Wales. Establishing healthy lifestyles early in life is a foundation to good health and wellbeing later in life.

As you are aware, the Committee has recently undertaken some scrutiny of the Welsh Government's implementation of the Donaldson Review and will continue to keep a close eye on the development of the new curriculum as it progresses. Following its session with Dr Atherton, the Committee is keen to hear what cross-sector working between education and health is taking place in the development of the Health and Wellbeing area of learning and experience.

The Committee is aware that curriculum design is being led by schools and practitioners through the Pioneer School Network, supported by the Curriculum and Assessment Group. We are interested in how expert and specialist knowledge and advice is feeding into the development of curricula content, particularly where there is an obvious need for input from sectors other than education. The Committee would therefore like to hear how public health experts and organisations like Public Health Wales are involved in the design and development of the Health and Wellbeing area of learning and experience.



I very much look forward receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynne Neagle'.

Lynne Neagle AC / AM
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