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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 20 September about the petition from Chris Evans, which is seeking support to ask the Welsh Government to intervene in the decision made by Qualifications Wales to allow awarding bodies to offer GCSE Psychology in Wales through the medium of English only.

I note the points raised by the petition. The Welsh Ministers' functions relating to the regulation of qualifications and the qualifications system were repealed in September 2015 with the establishment of Qualifications Wales as the independent regulator. Arrangements for the approval and designation of qualifications, such as the designation of GCSE Psychology, are a matter for Qualifications Wales.

It may be more appropriate for you to contact Philip Blaker, Chief Executive of Qualifications Wales to discuss the issue further; his contact details are [Philip.Blaker@qualificationswales.org](mailto:Philip.Blaker@qualificationswales.org)

I trust that you will find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

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