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Dear Tracey

Thank you for attending yesterday's meeting of the Health, Social Care & Sport Committee to answer questions on the work being done by Public Health Wales to protect and improve the health and well-being of the population of Wales.

During the course of the meeting, you agreed to provide the following additional information:

- An infographic used by Public Health Wales in dealing with adverse childhood experiences;
- Details of resilience work being done in relation to child and adolescent mental health services;
- Confirmation of the inclusion of neglect as an adverse childhood experience (ACE);
- Details of how funding is prioritised, including how Public Health Wales' health improvement programme spend is broken down across the life course;
- A breakdown of how staff are allocated across Public Health Wales, including the balance between research and delivery roles;
- Whether details are available on the number of people who survive sepsis but experience a reduced quality of life as a consequence;
- A copy of Public Health Wales' performance progress report;
- Details of capacity to respond to the expected increase in screening for bowel cancer when the new Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) test is introduced.



There were also some areas that we were not able to cover due to time constraints, which I would be grateful if you could provide further information on:

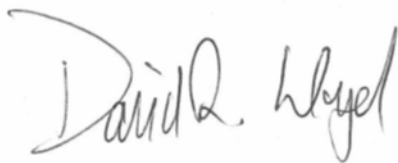
- The Welsh Government's plan for health and social care is clear that primary care should be used more systematically as a vehicle for prevention and health improvement. To what extent does Public Health Wales actively pursue opportunities to strengthen health improvement and prevention in primary care?
- Does public Health Wales have robust evidence about the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of social prescribing?

As part of the inquiry into suicide prevention, there are also some issues which Members would be grateful for further details on:

- Members met with the Jacob Abraham Foundation who expressed concern at being unable to obtain hard copies of Help is at Hand Cymru to give to service users, and having to rely on the England version which is of more limited benefit to Welsh residents. Members were told that attempts were made by the Foundation to obtain a copy through Public Health Wales but that the response was unhelpful. The Committee would be grateful if you could clarify the position regarding the availability of Help is at Hand Cymru, and the promotion by Public Health Wales of this resource.
- An update on when Public Health Wales expects the next Thematic Review of deaths of children and young people through provable suicide to be published.

I look forward to receiving your response in due course.

Yours sincerely



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

