

Comisiynydd Plant Cymru Children's Commissioner for Wales

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Dear Ms Jones

I am writing to thank the Committee for taking the time to meet me on the 14th of May 2015 and for the very productive and engaging discussion.

As I stated during our meeting, this year I will be focusing on issues in relation to looked after children and young people in residential care, reporting to the United Nations on the state of children's rights along with the UK children's commissioners, responding to the independent review of the office and securing a national approach to advocacy. My other key policy areas of concern include CAMHS, child sexual exploitation, child poverty, changes in relation to social services, proposed changes to Additional Learning Needs and raising awareness of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child.

I will be undertaking a consultation with children and young people in Wales called '*What Next/Beth Nesa*', to help inform my first corporate strategy. This consultation also offers an opportunity for professionals across Wales to share their views on priority areas for me. I saw our discussion as a helpful contribution as an initial part of this process as I formulate a three year corporate plan to deliver my principal aim of safeguarding and promoting the rights of all children in Wales.

I look forward to working closely with the Committee throughout my tenure and I hope to build upon the constructive relationships enjoyed between my office and yourselves. I would like to extend an invitation to Members of the Committee to meet with me individually during the next few months. I am aware of the range of expertise and knowledge held by the Committee and would truly welcome the opportunity to discuss priorities and main issues of concern, acknowledging our shared goal that children and young people in Wales are enabled to reach their full potential. If any member would like to meet me over the next few months, they can contact my Executive Assistant, Monica Roberts on 01792 765600 or email: Monica.Roberts@childcomwales.org.uk so that Monica can make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely



Sally Holland
Children's Commissioner for Wales

cc: NAFW Children, Young People & Education Committee Members