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Arwydd Helen Mary,

Thank you for your letter of 18 June regarding the Children's Commissioner for Wales' report "Full of Care Young Carers in Wales 2009". My apologies for the delay in replying but I had asked officials to consider with stakeholders how best to take forward the matters raised in this report. This process has taken a little longer than we had anticipated.

I mentioned at the launch of the report that I intended to involve the Wales Young Carers Network to get their views on how we can effectively address the Commissioner's recommendations. Children in Wales have now hosted a Young Carers Residential workshop (on 27 - 30 October) to consider the report and arrangements are being made for me to meet the young carers to receive their direct feedback. In the light of this feedback I shall then consider, in consultation with other Ministerial colleagues, our response and write to the Commissioner. I intend to copy my letter to the Commissioner to you so that the Children and Young People Committee can be kept informed. If, after considering my letter to the Commissioner, the Committee would wish me to provide a further paper or to attend one of their meetings then I am happy to do so.

Yours sincerely

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