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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 26 June 2012 regarding Petition P-04-388 calling on Emergency Life Saving skills to be a compulsory part of the secondary curriculum in Wales.

Personal and social education (PSE) forms part of the basic curriculum for all pupils in maintained schools. The non-statutory *Personal and social education framework for 7 to 19 year-olds* is the key document schools should use when planning their provision, and sets out opportunities for learners to develop the practical skills necessary for everyday life, including emergency aid procedures and how to administer basic first aid.

The school curriculum is non prescriptive and allows schools the opportunities to focus on areas that are particularly relevant to their learners such as emergency life saving skills. It is for schools and their governing bodies decide on the precise content of a school's PSE provision. Currently, I have no plans to review the statutory nature of the PSE framework, I will however, consider the results of this petition should any review be undertaken in relation to the framework.

I wrote to Ms Lloyd at the British Heart Foundation (BHF) on 16 June 2011 to explain the Welsh Government position. Representatives from my Department also met with colleagues from BHF on 27 July last year to discuss the teaching of ELS in schools and to offer practical suggestions on how to raise the its profile within schools in Wales.

Thank you for sharing the results of the petition

Yours sincerely,
Leighton Andrews

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