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Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Chair, Petitions Committee

12 January 2021

Dear Janet,

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 December regarding the petition the Committee received which is currently collecting signatures, Petition P-05-1105 Make Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) compulsory in schools.

Life-saving skills and emergency first aid procedures such as CPR are clearly important, and we are keen to raise awareness of these skills and I encourage everyone, of all ages, to learn first aid.

The new Curriculum for Wales will include a Health and Well-being Area of Learning and Experience (Area). This is an innovative part of the new curriculum and aims to ensure that learning and support around issues such as physical, mental and emotional health are provided to all young people in Wales. The Health and Well-being AoLE has been designed to support the development of the fundamentals of health and well-being in learners, while allowing professionals to shape specific content, as appropriate to their learners.

Practitioners developing the Area's guidance have worked closely with the British Heart Foundation, British Red Cross and St John's Ambulance, to consider safety and the health of others in the new curriculum. These organisations contributed directly to the development of descriptions of learning within the guidance to ensure that they support learners to develop these skills.

To support schools in developing learning in Health and Well-being in their curriculum, the guidance sets out that "*learners should be provided with appropriate opportunities to assess and manage risk so they can keep themselves and others safe. Schools should also consider what strategies their learners may need to be able to safely intervene to support others who may be at risk, and this may include lifesaving skills and first aid*".

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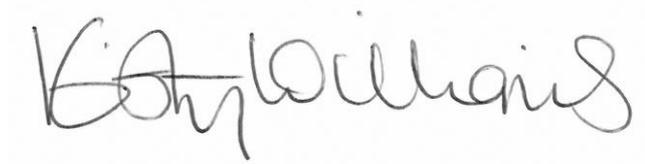
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Within the national framework therefore, it will be for schools and practitioners to consider how best learners can be supported to meet these expectations and we will continue to encourage everyone to learn these skills. The aforementioned stakeholder organisations can also support schools with suitable resources.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirsty Williams', written in a cursive style.

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