

Huw Irranca–Davies AM
Minister for Children and Social Care

21 February 2018

Dear Huw,

At the Committee's meeting on 15 February, Members agreed to invite you to a scrutiny session on **Wednesday 18 April 2018, 09:30 – 10:30**, in the Senedd, Cardiff Bay. The Committee is keen to focus the session on the Welsh Government's **childcare offer**, and the relevant pilots currently underway throughout Wales.

In advance of the session it would be useful to receive a paper including information about (but not limited to):

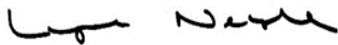
- the latest progress with the pilots;
- the methods being adopted to monitor outcomes and value for money;
- the early lessons being learned and the way in which you are responding to them;
- future plans for further roll out, including:
 - the relevant financial and legislative steps being taken to pave the way for the scheme's further development;
 - the timescale for full implementation of the scheme, including when guidance will be available;
 - the current view on the full annual cost when the scheme is fully implemented;
 - the current assessment of the capacity of the sector to deliver the number of hours of childcare needed for full implementation, including Welsh language capacity; and
 - whether the list of providers might be expanded to include those who are approved as a child carer by Care Inspectorate Wales under its



Voluntary Approval Scheme, in addition to those registered as child minders.

The Committee would be grateful to receive the paper **Wednesday 4 April 2018**.

Yours sincerely,

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

Lynne Neagle AM

Chair

