

**Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc
ac Addysg**

**Children, Young People
and Education Committee**

Eluned Morgan MS
Minister for Health and Social Services
By email

Date: 10 August 2021

Subject: Autumn ministerial session

Dear Eluned,

Thank you for agreeing to attend a meeting of the Children, Young People and Education Committee, along with the Deputy Minister for Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, on 7 October 2021. The session will be an invaluable opportunity to discuss your priorities and key areas of work as they relate to the Committee's remit.

To that end, I would be grateful if you could provide written information to the Committee to support the meeting. Please could you provide us with a paper no later than 23 September setting out the following as they relate to the Committee's remit:

- Your priorities and key areas of work.
- Relevant Programme for Government activities and commitments within your portfolio, including: those where you are listed as the 'lead portfolio Minister'; those within your portfolio but listed as the responsibility of the 'full Cabinet' and how you will co-ordinate and integrate across the whole of government to deliver these; and indicative steps and timelines for the delivery of these activities and commitments. The Committee would also welcome an outline of how you intend to work with the Deputy Minister for Social Services and Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, including details of the lines of responsibility for delivering the commitments within this Committee's remit.
- How you intend to give due regard to children and young people's rights to good physical and mental health in the context of the Programme for Government healthcare

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commitments (such as those to provide treatments which have been delayed by the pandemic, reform primary care, and prioritise investment in - and redesign of - mental health support).

- How the voices of children and young people will influence your decisions, as recommended by the Children, Young People and Education Committee of the Fifth Senedd.
- Planned primary or significant secondary legislation within the Committee's portfolio, to include an update on the plans for implementing the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Act 2020 and confirmation of the timescale for section 1—which abolishes the common law defence of reasonable punishment—coming into force in Wales.

As you may be aware, we are currently undertaking [a general consultation](#) to seek views on what our priorities should be during the Sixth Senedd. We will also be engaging with children and young people in the autumn term to gather their views directly.

Yours sincerely,



Jayne Bryant MS

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.