Cyflwynwyd yr ymateb hwn i ymgynghoriad y <u>Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac</u> Addysg ar Flaenoriaethau'r Chweched Senedd

This response was submitted to the <u>Children, Young People and Education</u>
<u>Committee</u> consultation on <u>Sixth Senedd Priorities</u>

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Beth yn eich barn chi yw'r prif flaenoriaethau neu'r materion y dylai'r Pwyllgor eu hystyried yn ystod y Chweched Senedd? Os oes modd, nodwch eich barn o ran sut y gallai'r Pwyllgor fynd i'r afael â hyn.

What do you consider to be the main priorities or issues that the Committee should consider during the Sixth Senedd? Where possible, please set out your view about how the Committee could address them.

Thema 1: Addysg oedran ysgol | Theme 1: School-age education

Thema 2: Addysg bellach ac addysg uwch | Theme 2: Further and higher education

Thema 3: lechyd a lles, gan gynnwys gofal cymdeithasol (i'r graddau y maent yn ymwneud â phlant a phobl ifanc) | Theme 3: Health and well-being, including social care (as they relate to children and young people)

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) Cymru Wales is calling for a wide-ranging cross-Senedd committee inquiry into tackling health inequalities.

Tackling avoidable illness with cross-government action on health inequalities

We need a cross-government approach to tackling inequalities that contribute to avoidable illness: not just in physical health, but mental health, end-of-life care, housing, education, transport, rural healthcare, digital access and income, among other social determinants of health. Along with colleagues across the voluntary sector in Wales, we are therefore calling for an inquiry across all Senedd committees on tackling health inequalities in Wales. Meaningful progress will require coherent efforts across all sectors to close the gap and an inquiry undertaken by all Senedd committees will enable committees to consider what action



each Welsh Government department is doing to tackle the root cause of health inequalities and put forward recommendations around where improvements are needed.

'Making the difference' – WNHS Confed Alliance (April 2021)

'The case for a cross-government strategy' – Royal College of Physicians (September 2021)

Thema 4: Plant a phobl Ifanc | Theme 4: Children and young people

