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Deputy Minister for Mental Health and  
Wellbeing

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## **Eating Disorder Services in Wales**

Dear Lynne,

The Committee discussed its forward work programme on 31 March. As part of this discussion, we agreed to write to you to seek an update on eating disorder services in Wales.

We noted the recent report published by Beat "[The Welsh Eating Disorder Service Review: 3 years on](#)". Beat set out some clear recommendations to improve services and ensure greater equity of support across Wales, including the need for a new national service model with clear timelines and a stronger focus on early intervention,

As you will be aware this report noted the progress that has been made since the Eating Disorder Service review three years ago. However, it also noted that progress has been "very uneven" and that there continue to be inequities in service provision across Wales. It identified a number of factors that may have impacted on progress, ranging from the time it took the Government to respond to the initial review, through to funding and broader resourcing issues, and, of course, the pandemic. We note that in response to a question about this issue in Plenary on 19 January 2022, you committed to using the report to inform work going forward. We would appreciate if you could provide us with your response to these recommendations, and how you seek to address the issues raised by the report.

You also highlighted in Plenary that the national lead had left their post and that you were "looking at a new model" to ensure improvements are delivered on a national basis. The Beat report talks of the importance of having a National Lead in place. Please can you provide us with an update on your

thinking around this new model, including the issue of how it would be led, and when it is likely to be implemented?

I am copying this letter to the Health and Social Care Committee and Beat.

I would be grateful for your response no later than Friday 27 May 2022.

Yours sincerely



Jayne Bryant MS,

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

