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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 30 March to Nigel Brown, Chief Executive of Cafcass Cymru, inviting comments on the petition P-06-1161 - 'Routine collection and publication of data of how many babies/children return to their care experienced parents care at the end of a Parent and Child Placement'. Considering the nature of the query I have chosen to reply.

I welcome the Committee's exploration of this issue. Unfortunately, specific data about the outcomes from Parent and Child Placements is not collected by Cafcass Cymru, nor as part of Welsh Government's official statistics. Local authorities are responsible for the delivery and use of Parent and Child placements and are best place to provide information about the number of the placements and their effectiveness, particular for care experienced parents. My understanding is the utilisation of these placements are relatively small. The Committee therefore may wish to contact local authorities to undertake a trawl of relevant data as part of its inquiry, or consider some bespoke research.

I will be interested to read the inquiry findings about whether improvements can be made to better support care experienced parents and/or improve processes around Parent and Child Placements. As you will be aware, through our Programme for Government, I am taking forward action to radically reform services for children looked after and care leavers, with a clear focus on keeping families together.

I hope you have found my reply helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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