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Dear *Darren,*

Apologies for the delay in responding but I am now in a position to update you on a specific point raised as part of the plenary debate on the substance misuse annual report held on 2 December 2014.

During the debate you asked for information on work being taken forward to support parental education by the Welsh Government and in particular whether we intend to promote more widely the 'How to Drug Proof your Kids' resource developed by Care for the Family.

Guidance for parents on discussing alcohol with their children has recently been developed by the Welsh Government, in partnership with Alcohol Concern Cymru. It is currently in the final stages of development and will be published on the Welsh Government's website and Alcohol Concern Cymru's Drinkwise Wales website shortly. The guidance will also be circulated to parents of relevant school aged children through the Dysg newsletter. Further guidance to support parents in talking to their children about drugs and other substances will follow.

As you highlighted during the debate, Care for the Family is a faith based charity which provides preventative relationship education and support in the areas of marriage, parenting and bereavement. The organisation runs events and training courses and provides resources for families. We are aware of the 'how to drug proof your kids' parenting course and we will ensure that appropriate links are made in order to inform our planned parental guidance on this issue.

Yours sincerely

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