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Dear Chairs,

Thank you for your letter of 11 July and follow up e-mail from the Clerk dated 28 September.

We are now in a position where, in some cases, events have overtaken the request outlined in the Committee's original joint letter as a number of submissions have already been sent. Therefore, we thought it would be helpful if we set out the current situation and our intended approach moving forward, particularly as in some cases we are already in a position where we have committed to regular reporting to the Committees.

The current position is that the following requests have been fulfilled:

- an update on provision of health & social care in the adult prison estate was issued to the Health and Social Care Committee on 02 September.
- the written evidence paper in advance of general scrutiny by the Health & Social Care Committee was issued on 01 September. The breadth and complexity of the request was wide and resulted in a strategic response, but we will be happy to pick up on any details within the topic headings outlined by the committee in our session on 6 October.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

- the written evidence paper in advance of the Ministerial scrutiny session for the Health & Social Care Committee's inquiry into mental health inequalities was issued on 22 September. We were pleased to attend the session itself on 28 September when we were able to answer further, specific questions from Committee members.

There was an additional joint request from the Health & Social Care Committee and Children, Young People and Education Committee for an update on a range of recommendations in respect of the following inquiries carried out in the previous Senedd term: Loneliness and Isolation (December 2017); Use of Antipsychotic Medication in Care Homes (May 2018); Suicide Prevention "Everybody's Business" (December 2018); Mental Health in Policing and Police Custody (October 2019); Impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, and its management, on Health and Social Care in Wales: Impact on Mental Health and Wellbeing (December 2020); Perinatal Mental Health in Wales (October 2017) and Perinatal Mental Health – follow up; Mind over Matter (October 2018) and Mind over Matter: two years on (October 2020)

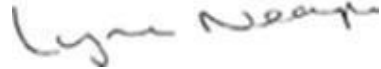
We have previously committed to provide regular updates to both Committees on the majority of these inquiries and you will be aware we have recently provided substantive written updates on Suicide Prevention "Everybody's Business", Perinatal Mental Health and the provision of health & social care in the adult prison estate.

With regards to the many other requests, particularly as there is no commitment to provide periodic written updates, there is also, of course, the opportunity throughout the year for us to update the Committees and answer questions as part of the planned general scrutiny sessions.

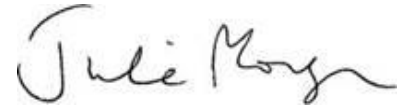
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