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Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg

Children, Young People and Education Committee

Julie Morgan MS
Deputy Minister for Social Services

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Childcare workforce

Dear Julie,

During a recent Committee discussion on the forward work programme, we agreed to seek further information on the childcare workforce. We are aware that with the Welsh Government's existing Childcare Offer and the Co-operation Agreement to expand free childcare to all two years, including a focus on providing and strengthening the provision of Welsh medium childcare, that a key component to deliver these commitments will be having an sufficient number of trained childcare professionals across Wales.

In responding to the Equality and Social Justice Committee's report on childcare "[Minding the Future](#)" and specifically their recommendation around the lack of ethnic diversity in the sector, the Government [stated](#) there would be a review of the 10 year plan for childcare, playwork and early years workforce. Please could you provide us with an update on this review, when you expect it to be completed, and commit to sharing a copy of the review with the Committee when completed?

In light of the shared areas of interest, I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee.

We would appreciate a response by Wednesday 18 January.

Yours sincerely,



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