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Dear members of the committee

During the Children, Young People and Education (CYPE) Committee session on 23rd November I, as the Minister for Education and Welsh Language, agreed to provide Wales-wide data on the prevalence of disclosure of mental health conditions among students.

I recognise that this response is coming to you outside of the deadline and I apologise for the delay in providing this information.

The most recent data we have available indicates an increase in the prevalence of poor mental health amongst students. The table below shows the number of enrolments at Welsh universities, over the last five years, of students with mental health conditions:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Frequency	3,180	3,715	4,670	5,425	6,245
Proportion of enrolments in Wales	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%

The committee is invited to note the following supporting commentary for the data provided:

Figures are rounded to the nearest five. All numbers based on enrolments of students who are:

- Counted within the standard HE registration population;
- Students in Welsh HE providers (Welsh HEIs; HE enrolments at Welsh FEIs; and Welsh national centre for the OU).

Percentages are calculated on the basis of all enrolments in country of provider where the student's disability status is recorded.

Members of the committee are also to note that the data includes students with two or more conditions. As it is not known whether one of those conditions is a mental health condition, they have not been included as students with a mental health condition. As such the number of student enrolments of students with a mental health condition represents the lowest possible number – both the true number and the proportion could be higher.

I welcome any questions you may have on the data provided and again offer my sincerest apologies for the delay in responding.

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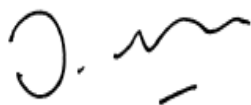
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of wavy lines and a short horizontal stroke at the end.

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