

To: Jenny Rathbone MS

Chair, Equality and  
Social Justice  
Committee  
Senedd Cymru

Via email only

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Dear Jenny,

Thank you for your letter highlighting the Committee's recent report considering young people, speech and language needs and the criminal justice system. I would like to thank you and the committee for shining a light on this important issue.

We would not wish to duplicate your work in responding to this issue, but we would be willing to write to the youth justice board and / or regional partnership boards to share the gaps your report highlights, if the committee has not already done so. The issues the committee raises chime with my office's *No Wrong Door* reports from 2020 and 2022.

I look forward to reading the Welsh Government's response to your recommendations.

As part of our refreshed engagement strategy, we will continue to engage with children and young people in or at risk of entering the youth justice system, ensuring that they know about their rights, and taking up any issues raised with us by them or those adults who care for them.

Kind regards



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