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**Children, Young People
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Children and young people vaping in schools

Dear Cllr Roberts

We are aware of worrying instances of children and young people vaping in schools. One of our Members recently cited an example of children as young as 8 vaping in school. We are understandably concerned about this. I have raised these issues informally with the Minister for Education and the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, and understand they are also aware about these issues.

As well as being interested in what can be done in schools to tackle the issue, we are also interested in what is being done to prevent the sale of vapes to under 18s. We would welcome further information on how trading standards across Wales are tackling the illegal sale of vapes to under 18s. We would also be interested in any data or information you may have on the extent of this issue.

Can you also outline what work Trading Standards across Wales are doing to deal with the sale of illegal and unregulated vapes. We are particularly worried that these can often be in flavours that are more attractive to children and young people than those that are legally available.

If you would like more information about this request, please contact the Committee clerks on seneddchildren@senedd.wales

We would appreciate a response by 11 October

Yours sincerely,

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

