

Eluned Morgan MS
Minister for Health and Social Services

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Dear Eluned

The public health approach to preventing gender-based violence

Thank you for giving evidence as part of our inquiry into the public health approach to gender-based violence. We would be grateful if you could respond to some additional points we were not able to cover in your evidence session:

- Which health professions are required to undertake Ask and Act under the current duties and whether you have a view as to whether that duty should be expanded and to whom.
- Could you confirm whether GBV will be included in the Women's Health Plan.
- Could you elaborate on what the Welsh Government policy is for supporting GPs to implement 'relationship-based care' given the current pressures on GP services.
- British Crime Survey data reports that 38% of domestic violence incidents are alcohol related. Could you set out how this figure is influencing Welsh Government alcohol policy, for example, have you had conversations with Public Health Wales and/or Ministerial colleagues about any potential changes to approach.
- Could you provide details relating to access to counselling services in schools for young people who may have witnessed or experienced GBV, including a timeline for training.

As we are now at the end of our evidence gathering, we would be grateful to receive a response by 9 October if possible.

Yours sincerely

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Jenny Rathbone MS

Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee

