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Children, Young People and Education Committee

Cross Party Group on Deaf Issues
National Deaf Children's Society

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Dear colleagues,

Thank you for contacting the Children, Young People and Education Committee. May I firstly apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Your letter was noted at the meeting on 3 May. Members shared your concerns regarding the low numbers of Teachers of the Deaf. You may be interested to know that the Committee has just launched an inquiry which is looking into childcare and education access for disabled children and young people and the extent to which childcare providers, schools and local authorities meet their duties under the Equality Act 2010. The Committee is keen to understand how children and young people who are neurodivergent, have physical, sensory or learning disabilities are able to access all aspects of education and childcare. The full terms of reference are available on the inquiry's [webpage](#).

As part of the evidence gathering process, the Committee has recently launched a consultation. The Committee would very much welcome a written submission highlighting the issues which you have brought to our attention. If you prefer, the clerking team would be happy to accept your letter as a consultation response. Please contact the team on seneddchildren@senedd.wales to confirm. We would also encourage you to reach out to your stakeholders to submit evidence to our inquiry.

You may also wish to be aware that the Committee is also undertaking a Senedd long [inquiry](#) looking into key educational reforms including the implementation of the new ALN system. As part of this inquiry we have regular check-in scrutiny sessions with the Minister for Education and Welsh Language. We will keep you informed of the next one; there will be an opportunity for you to raise your concerns ahead of this session.

Yours sincerely,

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

