

**Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc
ac Addysg**

**Children, Young People
and Education Committee**

Russell George MS

Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

20 December 2023

Invitation to join scrutiny sessions with Social Care Wales and Care Inspectorate Wales

Dear Russell,

As you may know, in May 2023 we published 'If not now, then when?', our report about services for care experienced children and young people in Wales. Since the publication of the report, we have continued to press the Welsh Government and others for truly 'radical reform' of the care system, which we believe is necessary to significantly improve the experiences of the many children, young people and their families who come into contact with it.

As part of that work, we have invited Social Care Wales and Care Inspectorate Wales to attend Committee (separately) on **Wednesday 20 March 2024** to give evidence about their roles in relation to the children's social care workforce and the regulation and inspection of children's social care and childcare. Given that social care falls within your Committee's remit, I would like to invite you and your fellow Committee members to attend those sessions

Our clerks will liaise directly with Care Inspectorate Wales and Social Care Wales to finalise a time for the scrutiny sessions. Once they have done so, they will contact your clerks directly with the relevant details. I would be grateful if your clerks could confirm to us who you expect to attend no later than 13 March 2024 (one week before the proposed date).

We have also proposed to Care Inspectorate Wales that we scrutinise them on a recurring annual basis shortly after the publication of their annual report. The first such annual scrutiny would be held in autumn 2024. I would also like to invite Health and Social Care Committee members to attend those annual scrutiny sessions too; our clerks will share the relevant details with you closer to the time.

Yours sincerely,

Jayne Bryant

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Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

