

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

**Children, Young People
and Education Committee**

Andrew Morgan
British Transport Police

11 July 2024

Inquiry into Children and Young People on the Margins

Dear Andrew,

The Senedd's Children, Young People and Education Committee is currently gathering evidence as part of our inquiry 'children and young people on the margins'. The inquiry is focusing on missing children and criminalised children and young people. More detail about our inquiry, including its terms of reference, can be found on [our web pages](#).

The written consultation window for this inquiry closed on 23 January 2024. We are now in the process of gathering informal evidence from stakeholders via a series of stakeholder events and engagement visits. However, due to pressures to our forward work programme, we have decided to seek targeted written evidence from key stakeholders rather than holding formal oral evidence sessions. We will then then hold a joint scrutiny session with the Welsh Government's Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice and Minister for Social Services on 19 September 2024.

In addition to any general comments you wish to make that are relevant to the inquiry's terms of reference, we would appreciate your views on the following specific points:

- The British Transport Police works in collaboration with the Children's Society and National County Lines Coordination Centre to run the #LookCloser campaign. How effective has this campaign been in raising awareness about child criminal exploitation and how to report it? What impact has it had?
- What measures are in place to identify and protect children and young people from criminal exploitation on the transport network, in particular the role BTP plays in tackling county lines on the rail network (which is key to the transport of drugs)?

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I would be grateful for your response no later than Friday 23 August 2024 so that we can take account of your views in advance of our scrutiny session with the Welsh Government.

Yours sincerely,



Buffy Williams MS
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.