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Inquiry into Children and Young People on the Margins

Dear Leah,

As you may know, we are 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 Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice and the 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:

- How does the "Wales Without Violence – A Shared Framework for Preventing Violence among children and young people" address the specific issues of children and young people who go missing and preventing child criminal exploitation?
- How does the Framework ensure the safety and well-being of children and young people from all backgrounds and communities?
- How does the "Serious Violence Duty Strategic Needs Assessment Guidance for Wales" address the issues?

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.