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ac Addysg**

**Children, Young People and
Education Committee**

Lynne Neagle MS
Cabinet Secretary for Education

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Timelines for the forthcoming review into the ALN Act and Code

Dear Lynne,

The Children's Commissioner for Wales told us during recent scrutiny that an update on the Welsh Government's review of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Act 2018 ("the Act") and the Additional Learning Needs Code for Wales 2021 ("the Code") is expected in summer 2025.

As we concluded in our recent interim report, we welcome your commitment to the review, which you announced to us on 8 May 2024. However we, like the Children's Commissioner, would like to see the review concluded as soon as possible for the sake of the children and families whose needs are currently not being met within the system. We hope that our long-term and detailed investigatory work in this area, as well as the work of others such as Estyn and the Commissioner, can help to accelerate the review timetable.

We are beginning to consider options for the fourth scrutiny 'check in' of our ongoing inquiry into the implementation of education reforms. It would be useful for us to know more about the findings of the review so that we can contribute constructively to your efforts to improve the implementation of the Act and Code.

I would therefore be grateful if you could clarify to us the final scope of the review, who will be carrying it out, and its timeline (including by when you expect the final - and any interim - reports to be published).

I would be grateful for your response no later than 31 January 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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