

Manon Antoniazzi
Chief Executive and Clerk
Senedd Cymru

Dear Manon,

20 December 2024

We must all play our part: a public health approach to halting the epidemic in gender-based violence

On publication of our [report](#), we wrote to you to highlight recommendation 12 which called for Members of the Senedd to commit to undertaking training on preventing Gender-based violence (GBV). We were grateful to you for your response which we noted on 26 February 2024.¹

In our original correspondence we acknowledged that Members, as office holders rather than employees, cannot be compelled to undertake training. Nevertheless, we expressed our hope that the Senedd Commission would help to facilitate implementation. We also specified a timescale – “by the end of 2024” – hopeful that this would ensure timely implementation and serve as a prompt for us to follow-up. With the end of the year nearly upon us, we would welcome an update from you on how the Senedd Commission has facilitated the outcomes envisaged in our recommendation.

As part of the update, we would be grateful if you could include details of the following:

- the current status of the implementation of Recommendation 12;
- the measures and actions taken by the Senedd Commission to facilitate implementation;
- any challenges or opportunities encountered; and
- the expected timeline for any remaining steps.

We would welcome a response within the usual timescales and ideally by 31 January 2025.

¹ Equality and Social Justice Committee, [Monday 26 February 2024, paper to note 2.1](#)

With thanks for your continued support on this vital matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature reads "Jenny Rathbone" in a cursive script.

Jenny Rathbone MS

Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee

Welsh Parliament

