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Dear Peter,

In my letter of 2 May I attached the [first six-monthly report](#) on progress toward the transition to a not-for-profit model of care for children looked-after. This followed my acceptance of recommendation 9 of the Health and Social Care Committee's stage one scrutiny report on the then Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill. I am writing to you now to update you regarding publication of the second six-monthly report.

The first report highlighted the complexities in collating the data for the first report, noting work would continue to bring together the various data sources, reporting periods and collation points between sector partners to ensure greater alignment where practicable. I am pleased to confirm that officials have continued to work with organisations holding the different datasets (Stats Wales, the Children's Commissioning Consortium Cymru, Foster Wales and Care Inspectorate Wales) and have been able to introduce a common reporting point of 30 September for the second report. While we had originally intended to publish the second report in October, allowing time for checking and collation of the data from different organisations would result in a slight delay to the publication of the final report, from October to November 2025.

I appreciate that this represents a slight change to the original reporting cycle however it would enable the second report to show data from a common reporting point thereby significantly improving the comparability of the data. I hope that you and Committee members consider this to be a reasonable approach. Going forward reporting is still intended to continue a six-monthly cycle, in line with the Committee's recommendation, however future publication would move from a cycle of October/April to November/May.

Should this be agreeable to you and Committee members I shall provide and publish the next report by 30 November.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dawn Bowden'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Dawn' written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name 'Bowden'.

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