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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on the **Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill**

The Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee is undertaking an inquiry into the general principles of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill.

Further details about the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum can be found on the Assembly's website:

<http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=10028>

The terms of reference for the inquiry are:

To consider—

1. the general principles of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill and the need for legislation to improve the Public Sector response in Wales to domestic abuse, gender-based violence and sexual violence, including:
 - the publication of national and local strategies and

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- the appointment of a Ministerial Adviser on Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence.
2. any potential barriers to the implementation of these provisions and whether the Bill takes account of them,
 3. whether there are any unintended consequences arising from the Bill,
 4. the financial implications of the Bill (as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum,
 5. the appropriateness of the powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (as set out in Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Explanatory Memorandum).

Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee welcomes evidence from those with an interest in this subject. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh and we ask organisations with Welsh Language policies/schemes to provide bilingual submissions, in line with their public information policies. The Committee will consider responses to the inquiry and hold oral evidence sessions during the autumn term.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to: CELG.Committee@wales.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can write to:

Committee Clerk
Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive **by 5 September 2014**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

For your information, the Committee has invited submissions from those on the attached distribution list. The Committee would be grateful if you could forward

a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that are not included on this list, but might like to contribute to the inquiry. A copy of this letter has been placed on the Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views.

Disclosure of Information

You can find details about how we will use your information at <http://www.assemblywales.org/help/privacy/help-inquiry-privacy.htm>. Please ensure that you have considered these details carefully before submitting information to the Committee.

Yours faithfully,



Christine Chapman AC / AM
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Distribution List

Charities/Domestic Abuse Services organisations

BAWSO

Blaenau Gwent Domestic Abuse Services (BGDAS)

Cardiff Women's Safety Unit

New Pathways

The Dyn Project

Safer Merthyr (DART)

Welsh Women's Aid

National Offenders Management Service Cymru

SOLACE

Victim Support service

NSPCC

Hafan Cymru

Wales Probation Trust

Cardiff SARC

North Wales SARC

Victim Support

The Survivors Trust

Wales Council for Voluntary Action

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Minority Ethnic Women's Network Wales MEWN

Age Concern

White Ribbon Campaign

Parity

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Both Parents Matter

Support after rape and sexual violence Leeds

Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre

Mankind

Swansea Women's Aid

Healing Men

Bradford Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Survivors Service

West Mercia Rape and Sexual Assault Support Centre

Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre

East Kent Rape Line

Supporting People's teams of North Wales

Rape Crisis Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks

Carmarthen Women's Aid

Port Talbot and Afan Women's Aid

Mothers' Union

Zero Tolerance

Vale 50+ strategy forum

Play Wales

Newport Women's Aid

National Federation of Women's Institutes-Wales

Domestic Abuse Safety Unit, Shotton

South Essex Rape and Incest Crisis Centre

Survivors Trust and members in Wales
Calan DVS
Hafan Cymru
Soroptimist International Tenby and District
Rape Crisis England and Wales
Sex Education Forum, England
Temper Domestic Violence
Children in Wales
Women's Equality Network Wales
Eaves for Women
Wales Probation
Llamau
Emerging from Violence and Abuse Women's Aid
Tyneside Rape Crisis Centre
Violence Against Women Action Group
End Violence Against Women Coalition
Brecknock Women's Aid
Unite Wales
Community Housing Cymru
Suzy Lamplugh Trust National Stalking Helpline
Barnardos Wales
Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru
Co-ordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse (CAADA)
Welsh Refugee Council
Ceredigion Domestic Abuse Forum
Wales Assembly of Women
Safer Wales
Cymorth Cymru
Wales Migration Partnership
Torfaen Social Care
Atal-y-fro
Caerphilly Youth Forum
Royal College of Nursing
Age Cymru
General Medical Council
North Wales Safer Communities Board
Relate Cymru
Coventry University
DASU (Domestic Abuse Safety Unit - Deeside)
North Wales Women's Centre

Other Organisations

**All 22 Local Authorities (Chief Executives/ Domestic Abuse Co-ordinators /
Community Safety Partnership Contacts / Community Safety
Officer/Managers)**
All Local Health Boards
Welsh Local Government Association
Association of Chief Police Officers in Wales
Home Office Wales
British Transport Police
Legal Services Commission

**Crown Prosecution Service
Cardiff University School of Nursing and Midwifery
Royal College of General Practitioners Wales
Independent Police Complaints Commissioner
NUS Wales
Older Person's Commissioner in Wales
Children's Commissioner for Wales
Fire Services Wales
Institute of Welsh Affairs
Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
Police and Crime Commissioners
Evangelical Alliance Wales
Church in Wales**

Equality organisations

**Anti-poverty Network Cymru
Bevan Foundation
Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg
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Disability Wales
Diverse Cymru
Equality & Human Rights Commission in Wales
Learning Disability Wales
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SCOPE Cymru
Wales Observatory on Human Rights of Children and Young People
Welsh Language Commissioner
Women Making a Difference
Women's Equality Network**