

Y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol
Health and Social Care Committee

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Ann Jones AM

Chair

Children, Young People and Education
Committee

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Dear Ann,

The Health and Social Care Committee is building on its work in relation to new psychoactive substances (“legal highs”) by undertaking an inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse in Wales. During the inquiry, we will consider:

- the impacts of alcohol and substance misuse on people in Wales, including young people and university students; older people; homeless people; and people in police custody or prisons;
- the effectiveness of current Welsh Government policies on tackling alcohol and substance misuse and any further action that may be required;
- the capacity and availability of local services across Wales to raise awareness and deal with the impact of the harms associated with alcohol and substance misuse.

We launched our call for evidence on Monday 10 November. To assist people in responding to the inquiry, we also intend to publish an online questionnaire addressing the terms of reference, and an anonymous online survey aimed at young people to ensure that they are able to contribute to the inquiry should they wish to do so.

Whilst the subject matter of the inquiry falls within the remit of the Health and Social Care Committee, I appreciate it is an area in which members of the Children, Young People and Education Committee may be interested.

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With that in mind, I will ask the Clerk, Helen Finlayson, to ensure that colleagues supporting the Children, Young People and Education Committee are kept informed about the inquiry's progress, and will ensure that a copy of our final report is shared with you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David F. Rees." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

David Rees AM
Chair, Health and Social Care Committee