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Environment and Sustainability Committee
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cc Health and Social Care Committee

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Dear Alun Ffred Jones AM,

In November 2014, the UK Health Forum, the Royal College of Physicians in Wales (RCP) and the Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) partnered with University of Wales Trinity St David to host a policy development roundtable looking at the proposed aims, objectives and outcomes from the Well-being of Future Generations Bill and its impact on public health.

The group welcomes the Stage 1 report of the Environment and Sustainability Committee and we urge the Welsh Government to accept its recommendations, especially the need to provide a stronger, clearer statement of intent and sense of direction for public bodies.

However, we would also welcome the involvement of other committees in the scrutiny of this Bill. More specifically, we would suggest that the Health and Social Care Committee should be invited to scrutinise the potential impact of this Bill on the health of the people of Wales. We feel very strongly that this wide-ranging Bill has a clear opportunity to make a real difference to health outcomes, and we believe it would be extremely helpful to invite the perspective of another committee on this subject.

On behalf of the UK Health Forum, the RCP in Wales, and the RSPH, if you have any questions, please do contact my colleague Lowri Jackson, RCP senior policy and public affairs adviser for Wales, at Lowri.Jackson@rcplondon.ac.uk or on 029 2050 4540.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

Dr Alan Rees
RCP vice president for Wales