

Ann Jones AM
Chair, Children and Young People and Education Committee

3 July 2015

Dear Ann,

Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill

Further to my letter of 16 June 2015, I enclose a copy of the Health and Social Care Committee's Stage 1 report on the general principles of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill ("the Bill"). The report has been laid today, Friday 3 July 2015, and will be published on the [Committee's website](#).

After hearing evidence from a number of witnesses, the Committee has concluded that the general principles of the Bill should be agreed by the National Assembly for Wales. However, we believe that the Bill's provisions need to be strengthened in a number of areas, including workforce registration, the involvement and engagement of the public in the inspection regime, oversight of local authority commissioning functions, and arrangements for joint working and collaboration between relevant regulatory bodies and authorities.

Two of our recommendations may be of particular interest to your Committee. Recommendation 4 calls upon the Minister to bring forward amendments to require all those who exercise functions under the Bill to have due regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (in addition to the UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled People and the UN Principles for Older

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Persons). Recommendation 39 calls upon the Minister for Health and Social Services to explore whether it would be appropriate to extend the requirement to register with Social Care Wales to foster carers.

A debate on the general principles of the Bill has been scheduled for Tuesday 14 July 2015.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David F. Rees." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'R'.

David Rees AM

Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

