

**Y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol
Health and Social Care Committee**

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Chair

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee



7 July 2014

Dear Christine,

**Health and Social Care Committee scrutiny of the Welsh Language
Commissioner**

As you noted in your letter of 28 January 2014, while Welsh language policy falls primarily within the remit of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee, the Welsh language is an issue which cuts across Committee portfolios.

On that basis, the Health and Social Care Committee held a general scrutiny session with the Welsh Language Commissioner on 2 July 2014. During the session, Members questioned the Commissioner about the report of her first statutory inquiry, *My language, my health: inquiry into the Welsh language in primary care*, and about other matters within her remit which relate to health and social care. The issues that we discussed, as recorded in the Record of Committee Proceedings, may be of interest to your Committee when you next scrutinise the Commissioner.

The Commissioner indicated during the meeting that she expects that the Welsh Government will respond to the recommendations of her report in relation to primary care within six months. On that basis, we intend to invite the Commissioner to provide us with an update within twelve months.

Yours sincerely,

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cc Meri Huws, Welsh Language Commissioner

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