

Carl Sargeant AM
Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children
Welsh Government

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Looked after Children

Dear Cabinet Secretary

The Public Accounts Committee has indicated that it wishes to undertake an inquiry into some aspects of Looked after Children and is scheduled to consider a scoping paper on 28 November. The paper will cover the role and responsibilities of local authorities as a corporate parent, foster placements, educational attainment of Looked after Children and whether the current arrangements are efficient.

As your portfolio includes responsibility for Looked after Children to ensure a holistic approach is taken to improving outcomes in health, social services and education, I am writing to ask if you are able to provide details of all Welsh Government grants and funding streams, across the portfolios, specifically targeted at improving outcomes for looked after children, along with the current year allocations, for example the Pupil Deprivation Grant for Looked after Children? It would also be helpful if you can also provide both the previous year's allocation and the estimate for 2017-18 together with any other information that may be useful to the areas the Committee is interested in including the remit and objectives of the newly formed ministerial group "Improving Outcomes for Children Strategic Group.



I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Ramsay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Nick Ramsay AM
Chair

