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Dear Carl,

**Post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015**

The Equality, Local Government & Communities Committee very much looks forward to receiving evidence from you on 19 October. I would like to thank you for allowing one of my officials to attend the Welsh Government consultation workshop on the National Strategy, your openness has no doubt helped the Committee in their work on this matter.

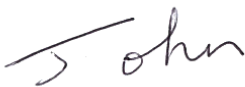
As you will be aware, the Committee received interesting and no doubt relevant evidence which will be constructive in informing the National Strategy and longer term success of the legislation.

Having discussed with Members the evidence received on 13 October, I was mindful of the need to inform you of the following issues raised in advance of your evidence this week:

- The National Strategy was seen as having vital importance in achieving the aims of the Act. The Committee was acutely aware of the need to make urgent progress with its implementation.
- The evidence received, particularly from the third sector was seen to have an importance in the development of the National Strategy. I attach a link to Senedd.tv for you to get a sense of some of the issues organisations raised:  
<http://senedd.tv/Meeting/Archive/457ed322-3ec8-4aea-b621-3b264cd38061?autostart=True#>

I look forward to welcoming you to the Committee and discussing the emerging themes with you on Wednesday.

Kind regards



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Cadeirydd / Chair

