

Dr David Blaney
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Dear Dr Blaney

Inquiry into the public health approach to preventing gender-based violence

The Equality and Social Justice Committee is currently carrying out an inquiry into the public health approach to preventing gender-based violence. Full details for the inquiry, including our terms of reference, are available on our [website](#).

During our inquiry we have heard about the importance of bystander interventions and in particular the implementation of the Intervention Initiative, the roll out of which to all universities has been recommended by the UK Parliament's [Women and Equalities Committee](#). We would be grateful if you could confirm whether the Welsh Universities have set aside any funding to roll out bystander interventions and/or if they have implemented bystander interventions such as the Intervention Initiative. Further, could you please set out how any such schemes are monitored and evaluated.

We would also welcome any additional comments you may wish to make in relation to our terms of reference, as set out on our website.

We would be grateful to receive any contribution before 22 July if possible.

Yours sincerely



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