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Dear Alexa

Inquiry into the public health approach to the prevention of gender-based violence

Thank you for giving evidence to our current inquiry on prevention of gender based violence. Following that session, we would be grateful if you could respond to the additional points below.

Restorative approaches

In their written evidence, Estyn and Policing Wales refer to the use of 'restorative approaches' to gender-based violence in schools (specifically to Operation Encompass). Are you able to provide any information on the evidence base that exists for restorative approaches, and how effective these approaches are in preventing gender-based violence? If so, please could you provide any examples of best practice from any research or evaluations that you have undertaken.

Online safety

During our session we briefly covered the issue of online safety, and how social media can influence the attitudes and behaviours of others. In your view, is enough is being done to equip young people with the skills to protect themselves from online abuse and harms? Should the focus be on efforts to encourage and promote positive messaging and if so, how do we engage with social media influencers? We would welcome any examples you have of work on this issue.

As we are approaching the end of our evidence gathering, we would be grateful to receive your response by 25 August 2023 if possible.

Yours sincerely



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Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.