

**Y Pwyllgor Iechyd a
Gofal Cymdeithasol**

**Health and Social Care
Committee**

Buffy Williams MS
Chair
Children, Young People and Education Committee

24 April 2024

Dear Buffy

Congratulations on your appointment as Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

I'm writing to make you aware that the Health and Social Care Committee has previously identified 'health literacy' as an Area of Research Interest, and has asked Dr Emily Marchant from Swansea University to undertake some work in this area for us.

Dr Marchant presented her first report 'Health, Education and Prosperity for All: Wales as a Health Literacy Testbed' to Committee on 6 December 2023, and has now completed her second and final report on the topic, 'School-based health literacy for children and young people in Wales'. This report focuses on children and young people's health literacy, advocating for integrating health literacy into the school curriculum in order to address health inequalities. She makes a number of recommendations, including the importance of embedding health literacy as a theoretical framework, considering critical domains alongside functional literacy and prioritising teacher training and professional development

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The Committee considered the report at its meeting on 17 April, and agreed to bring it to the attention of your Committee. Additionally, we will be writing to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care and Cabinet Secretary for Education seeking information on the integration of health literacy into Welsh Government policies. I will share the response with you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell George". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Russell George MS
Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.