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Dear Carolyn,

In my letter to you of 20 December regarding numbers of Teachers of the Deaf, I promised to provide further information regarding a way forward on this important issue.

Skilled education practitioners like Teachers of the Deaf are an essential part of the education workforce and essential to the success of our Curriculum and Additional Learning Needs (ALN) reforms.

On 13 January I [announced](#) the development of a strategic education workforce plan which will set out a strategic way forward for addressing the critical challenges facing our education sector, including recruitment and retention issues, workload pressures, and the evolving role of teachers in supporting learners' diverse needs. It will embed our vision and values for leaders, teachers and support staff for the future, recognising that there are a range of important roles across the school workforce.

I have committed to update the Senedd on progress as the plan is developed in partnership with our local authorities, governing bodies, unions and other key stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

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