

Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay  
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Dear colleague

The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee (the Committee) is undertaking a post legislative inquiry into the **Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015** (the Act).

The Committee's predecessor in the Fourth Assembly, the **Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee**, was responsible for scrutinising the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill before it was renamed and became an Act. CELG Committee **reported on the Bill** in November 2014.

The Committee will be looking at progress made in the implementation of the Act's provisions and its impact to date. In particular, the Committee will be considering:

- To what extent the approach to tackling violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence is improving as a result of the obligations in the Act?
- What are the most effective methods of capturing the views and experiences of survivors? Are arrangements in place to capture these experiences, and to what extent is this information being used to help inform the implementation of the Act's provisions?
- Whether survivors of abuse are beginning to experience better responses from public authorities as a result of the Act, particularly those needing specialist services?
- Whether the National Adviser has sufficient power and independence from the Welsh Government to ensure implementation of the Act?
- To what extent the good practice guide to healthy relationships is successfully influencing the development of a whole school approach to challenging violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence?



Please send your views to: [SeneddCommunities@assembly.wales](mailto:SeneddCommunities@assembly.wales) by **Friday 16 September 2016**.

Further information on how to contribute to the consultation and details of the Assembly's policy on disclosure of information can be found on the Assembly's webpages: [www.assembly.wales/consultations](http://www.assembly.wales/consultations)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John". The letters are cursive and connected.

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