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Dr. Dai Lloyd AM
Chair of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Ty Hywel, Cardiff Bay
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Dear Dai,

Public Health (Wales) Bill

I indicated during last week's general principles debate that I have been giving active and thorough consideration to the Committee's recommendation that section 92 of the Bill be amended to raise the proposed age restriction for intimate piercings, from 16 to 18.

I mentioned during the debate that I had asked my officials to revisit this issue in detail in view of the evidence provided during Stage 1, and that I would update Members as early as possible. I can now confirm that this work has been completed and, as a result, I intend to bring forward Government amendments during Stage 2 to make the change recommended by the Committee.

I would like to thank the Committee for its detailed consideration of this important issue, and am confident the proposed changes will provide further protections for children and young people in Wales.

I will be writing to respond formally to the remainder of the Committee's recommendations shortly.

A copy of my letter has also been sent to Rhun ap Iorwerth, Angela Burns and Caroline Jones.

Yours,

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