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Thank you for your letter following the committee's discussion of petition P-05-739 'Save Twf services', which asked for some further information on the 'Cymraeg for Kids' programme.

Local 'Cymraeg for Kids' support is currently offered in the following 14 local authorities:

- Conwy
- Powys
- Pembrokeshire
- Carmarthenshire
- Neath Port Talbot
- Swansea
- Bridgend
- Vale of Glamorgan
- Rhondda Cynon Taf
- Merthyr Tydfil
- Cardiff
- Caerphilly
- Blaenau Gwent
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

On 15 February, I announced that the programme will be expanded from April 2017 to offer support in all local authorities across Wales. Mudiad Meithrin, who currently delivers these local services on our behalf, have already began the process of recruiting additional officers to support this roll-out.

National support previously provided by Twf, which is now undertaken by Welsh Government, includes:

- promoting Welsh-medium education and the benefits of bilingualism to parents of young children, and encouraging Welsh speakers to transfer the language to their children
- provision of branded scan cards and maternity folders
- working with NHS Wales and other national partners to share information regarding Welsh-medium education and bilingualism.

Recently, this has included the development of 'Begin Their Bilingual Journey' - a guide to Welsh-medium and bilingual education, due for publication in spring 2017 - as well as collaborating with NHS Wales on the revised Personal Child Health Record (also known as the 'red book') to incorporate key messages regarding bilingualism into the information provided to new parents.



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