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Dear Lynne

I am writing in response to the consultation letter on the Children, Young People and Education Committee's work on the First 1,000 days.

Within South Wales Police we are working with Public Health Wales in accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding with them which was signed by myself, Chief Constable Peter Vaughan, Tracey Cooper Chief Executive, Public Health Wales and witnessed by Mark Drakeford AM in his role as Minister for Local Government.

Following the publication of the Public Health Wales Adverse Childhood Experience Studies which showed the impact 4 or more ACEs can have on harmful behaviours later in life making it 20 times more likely, use of hard drugs 16 times more likely, and making perpetrating violence 15 times more likely than someone with no ACEs. We are currently working on a collaborative project to explore how we can take an ACE informed approach to dealing with vulnerability which has four main work streams: policing, education, housing and criminal justice.

I understand Janine Roderick, who has a joint role as Policy Lead for Public Health and Policing between Public Health Wales and South Wales Police, is meeting you shortly to provide a briefing on the work we are doing around ACEs and we will be happy to provide you with further updates as the project develops.

Yours ever
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