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Lynne Neagle AM

Chair, Children and Young People and Education Committee

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Dear Lynne

Committee inquiry into pregnancy, maternity and work

The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee is currently undertaking an inquiry into pregnancy, maternity and work. As part of this inquiry, we are considering whether the Welsh Government's new childcare offer is matched with targeted support for mothers to enter or return to work. Given that the childcare offer falls within the remit of the Children, Young People and Education Committee, I wanted to draw your attention to our work in this area.

The <u>public consultation</u> to inform our inquiry has now come to an end. We are in the process of taking oral evidence from a range of witnesses and have sessions scheduled with relevant Ministers, including the Minister for Children and Social Care, on 9 and 23 May 2018.

I am aware that your Committee has recently begun its scrutiny of the Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill and is due to report at the beginning of July 2018. While we have yet to agree a timeline for the publication of our inquiry report, we will be happy to share with you any emerging issues which may be of interest to you in your scrutiny of the Bill.



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Yours sincerely

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

