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**National Assembly for Wales**  
Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Rt Hon Mark Drakeford AM  
First Minister, Welsh Government

28 March 2019

Dear Mark,

**Improving outcomes for children in care**

Further to a meeting with stakeholders last week, I am aware that the Welsh Government's Director of Social Services and Integration wrote in February 2019 to local authority Chief Executives and Directors of Social Services regarding your manifesto commitment to support looked after children.

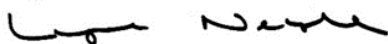
The letter refers to the Welsh Government's intention to develop reduction expectation plans with each local authority, to include:

- The number of children in their care
- The number of children placed out of county
- The number of children placed out of Wales
- The number of children removed from parents with a learning disability.

It also outlines the plans to establish a Technical Group to inform and advise on the Welsh Government's approach to this activity.

Given our interest as a Committee in the support provided for looked after children, we would be grateful to be kept updated of progress with this work.

Yours sincerely,



**Lynne Neagle AC / AM**  
**Cadeirydd / Chair**

