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National Assembly for Wales
Children, Young People and Education Committee

Julie Morgan, AM
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Dear Julie

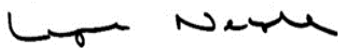
Children, Young People and Education Committee Inquiry on Children's Rights in Wales

As you may be aware, the Committee has this week launched an inquiry into Children's Rights in Wales. The Terms of reference for that inquiry are set out in Annex A to this letter.

The Committee's consultation will be open until Friday 20 September, and oral evidence sessions will be scheduled for the Autumn term. We will, of course, be in touch with you in due course to arrange a date for you to provide evidence to the Committee.

At this time, and as we begin our consideration of this matter, the Committee would be grateful if you would provide an update on when the revised Children's Right's Scheme will be published for the Assembly's approval. In March 2018 the Welsh Government said that it was going to 'consider and consult on revisions to the Children's Rights Scheme, and propose a revised Scheme for the Assembly's approval'. It is unclear, however, what the current position is.

Yours sincerely



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Terms of Reference

The Children, Young People and Education Committee is undertaking a short inquiry on children's rights in Wales to review the impact of the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011. It will consider:

- the extent to which the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011 has influenced the Welsh Government's decision making, including its financial allocations and whether it has fulfilled the Convention's 'general measures' of implementation;
- evidence of whether the Measure has led to improved outcomes for children and young people;
- whether the duties within the Measure have been embedded effectively across Welsh Government cabinet portfolios and policy;
- the extent to which the Welsh Government has sought to ensure that its duties within the Measure are translated into the work of the public bodies it provides funding to, including local authorities and NHS bodies;
- the extent to which the Welsh Government has implemented its duty to promote knowledge and understanding of the UNCRC amongst the public, including children and young people;
- how the duty to have 'due regard' to the Convention on the Rights of the Child is being implemented in practice and whether Child Rights Impact Assessments are being used as a meaningful tool;
- the effectiveness of the Children's Right's Scheme and the most recent Welsh Government compliance report, and the extent to which they evidence sufficient action on the part of Welsh Government to ensure full implementation of the Measure;
- how effectively the Welsh Government responds on a strategic basis to the Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

