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Dear Lynne,

I was delighted to attend the Children, Young People and Education Committee's Inquiry on 6th November. Thank you for chairing such a comprehensive discussion of children's rights. Following the evidence session, you requested further information on the number of Ministers who have received training on Children's Rights.

Welsh Government Ministers and officials are able to access a wide range of training, information and resources to help embed children's rights in the development of policy and the delivery of services. Ministers also receive comprehensive advice from their officials on the implications for children's rights of the policy advice they are considering. This advice represents considerable support for Ministers in this area – even if it does not constitute formal training.

In addition, Ministers receive significant input from stakeholders in the children's sector who emphasise the importance of children's rights matters. I meet the Children's Commissioner four times a year and I know that Professor Holland has regular meetings with many of my Ministerial colleagues. For example, the Children's Commissioner meets the First Minister each year to discuss her Annual Report.

We do not currently have a formal training programme in place for Ministers on children's rights but I would be happy to consider what might be appropriate with Ministerial colleagues.

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