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Petitions Committee

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Dear Deputy Minister

Petition P-06-1161 Routine collection and publication of data of how many babies/children return to their care experienced parents care at the end of a Parent and Child Placement

Thank you for coming before the Petitions Committee on 13 June 2022. Your evidence will be considered together with the range of other evidence heard as part of this work.

As part of our scrutiny of this issue we have noted the range of relevant commitments in the Programme for Government, including those to:

- Prevent families breaking up by funding advocacy services for parents whose children are at risk of coming into care.
- Provide additional specialist support for children with complex needs who may be on the edge of care.
- Explore radical reform of current services for children looked after and care leavers.
- Strengthen public bodies in their role as 'corporate parent'.

We also note the recent reviews of services for care experienced children in England and Scotland and have followed their findings and next steps with interest.

To ensure that we have a fuller understanding of the radical reforms being taken forward in relation to children's social care, you agreed that your officials would provide further detail of the practical steps in taking forward each of these commitments and the actions being taken forward as part of this reform. We have a particular interest in the 'radical reform' and details of next steps and timings on this issue would be particularly welcome.

I would be grateful if you could send your response by e-mail to the clerking team at petitions@senedd.wales by 18 July 2022 to enable us to progress with this work.

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Yours sincerely

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.