

Jack Sargeant MS

Chair of the Petitions Committee

5 April 2023

Response to Petitions Committee report recommendation

Dear Jack,

I and my fellow Committee members welcome the Petitions Committee report 'Supporting care experienced parents', published in March 2023. The report was a powerful and analytical consideration of some of the most important challenges facing care experienced birth parents.

In the report you make the following recommendation:

Recommendation 6. The Children, Young People and Education Committee should regularly monitor progress against the Programme for Government Commitment to improve children's social care.

Our response: accept

As you will know, the Children, Young People and Education Committee is currently carrying out a far-reaching inquiry into the Welsh Government's Programme for Government commitment to "Explore radical reform of current services for children looked after and care leavers." We have therefore started the important work of monitoring the Welsh Government's oversight of children's social care in Wales, and we commit to continuing to do so once we have completed this inquiry as part of our ongoing focus on implementation and policy delivery.

Our report is scheduled to be published in May 2023. The report will set out priorities for radical reform, and will draw on your findings and recommendations as part of our evidence gathering.

We also await with interest the Welsh Government's response to your report, which we understand is due shortly.



If you, or your petitioner, would like any more information about our work please don't hesitate to contact the Committee clerks (SeneddChildren@Senedd.Wales).

Yours sincerely,



Jayne Bryant MS

Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

