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## **Inquiry into Children and Young People on the Margins**

Dear James,

As you may know, we are currently gathering evidence as part of our inquiry 'children and young people on the margins'. The inquiry is focusing on missing children and criminalised children and young people. More detail about our inquiry, including its terms of reference, can be found on [our web pages](#).

The written consultation window for this inquiry closed on 23 January 2024. We are now in the process of gathering informal evidence from stakeholders via a series of stakeholder events and engagement visits. However, due to pressures to our forward work programme, we have decided to seek targeted written evidence from key stakeholders rather than holding formal oral evidence sessions. We will then hold a joint scrutiny session with the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice and the Minister for Social Services on 19 September 2024.

We are therefore seeking your views on any aspect of the inquiry to bolster our written evidence. In addition to any general comments you wish to make that are relevant to the inquiry's terms of reference, we would appreciate your views on the following specific points:

- Could you outline what role youth offending teams have in dealing with and helping children and young people who are experiencing or at risk of criminal exploitation including details of:
  - **Prevention:** Specific prevention programmes you are implementing
  - **Intervention strategies:** How you intervene when a child or young person is identified as being at risk of criminal exploitation, specifically what support



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services do you provide and how do you collaborate with other agencies (such as social services, schools etc)?

- **Training and awareness:** What training do your team members receive to identify and respond to signs of criminal exploitation, and how do you raise awareness about this issue with children, young people and their families?
- What specific guidance or resources are youth justice services given to support your work in dealing with children experiencing or at risk of criminal exploitation, including support from the Youth Justice Board, Welsh Government, and Safeguarding Boards?

I would be grateful for your response no later than Friday 23 August 2024 so that we can take account of your views in advance of our scrutiny session with the Welsh Government.

Yours sincerely,



Buffy Williams MS  
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.