

Y Pwyllgor Deisebau

Petitions Committee

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Copied to Russell George MS, Chair, Health and Social Care Committee;
Sioned Williams MS, Chair, Learning Disability – Cross Party Group

9 January 2025

Dear Minister,

Petition P-06-1479 Stop the detention of learning disabled and autistic children, young people and adults in hospitals

The Senedd Petitions Committee considered the above petition, submitted by Stolen Lives, at its 2 December meeting.

The Committee congratulated the petitioners for their persistence in engaging with the Welsh Government and individual Senedd Members on this critical issue. On Wednesday 4 December, I highlighted the petition in the Member debate on 'Care settings for autism and learning disability'.

The Committee agreed that I would write to you to share the petitioners' comments and seek a response to the questions raised in the meeting, including;

- clarifying how Welsh Government will involve the campaigners after the Task and Finish Group reports;
- what progress is being made to address the data issues;
- the need for a communications plan to better understand what progress is being made; and
- a response to points made about the impact of the closure of inpatient services and reform of the Mental Health Act.

The Committee agreed to copy the correspondence to the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Senedd's Learning Disability Cross-Party Group for awareness.

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The full details of the Committee's consideration of the petition, including the correspondence and the actions agreed by the Committee can be found here: [P-06-1479 Stop the detention of learning disabled and autistic children, young people and adults in hospitals](#)

I would be grateful if you could send your response by e-mail to the clerking team at petitions@senedd.wales

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn". The script is cursive and fluid, with the 'C' being particularly large and the 'n' ending in a small loop.

Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.