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Dear Mike,

The Code of Practice on the exercise of social services functions in relation to Part 4 and Part 5 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 ("the draft Code") SL(6)617

Pursuant to section 146(2) of *the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014*, on 3 June 2025, I laid the draft Code before the Senedd. On 27 June 2025, the draft Code was withdrawn in response to this Committee's report on the draft Code, to allow adequate time for the relevant matters to be carefully considered and for a further corrected draft to be prepared for re-laying before the Senedd.

In its response to the Committee, the Welsh Government advised that the intention was for a draft revised Code to be re-laid in September 2025.

One of the scrutiny points raised by the LJCC related to consultation, with the Welsh Government's response stating: *"…the Welsh Ministers do not think fit to consult any persons on this occasion given the extent to which the proposal is seeking to revise the existing Code."*

Further consideration has since been given to the relevant statutory requirements relating to consultation, and I now propose to undertake a consultation on the revised draft Code prior to its re-laying.

The consultation will be proportionate to the revisions being made to the Code by sending a letter from the Deputy Chief Social Care Officer to the 22 local authorities with the inclusion of a draft of the revised Code in both languages. A draft revised Code will then be re-laid later in October 2025.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

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