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## **Quality Statement for Children's Health and the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026/27**

Dear Jeremy,

As you know, we have always taken a keen interest in how the Welsh Government's budget can help deliver improvements in children and young people's lives. Every year, we have commented on the lack of a published Children's Rights Impact Assessment on the draft budget. Last year we called for the trialling of a CRIA being published on the allocations for the Health MEG in the 2026/27 Draft Budget. We were disappointed this was rejected.

We also asked for more information on the Quality Statement for children's health and the newly established clinical lead for child health. As part of this, we also requested more detail on how these structures will enable the Welsh Government to monitor spending, measure healthcare outcomes for children (beyond just outputs) and hold health boards accountable. In response, you said the Integrated Quality Statement on Children's Health will set out expectations to Health Boards, with the support of the National Strategic Clinical Network for Child Health. You said that monitoring would be done through the usual health board quarterly reporting mechanisms and through IQPD meetings.

To help us prepare for our budget scrutiny, it would be helpful to have an update on this work. In particular, can you share the Integrated Quality Statement with us?

We would appreciate receiving a response by 7 November.

I am copying this letter to Peter Fox MS, Chair, Health and Social Care Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English