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Dear Tracey Cooper

**Re: Equality and Social Justice Committee's Sixth Senedd Legacy Report**

Many thanks for your letter dated 6 November 2025 and the accompanying public health policy priorities documentation.

The Committee read your letter and supporting documents with interest but was surprised to see that no mention of the potential benefits of breastfeeding in relation to the health and development of new-born babies had been made within any of the public health policy priorities.

The Committee is interested to discover why no discussion of the merits of breastfeeding for newborn babies is mentioned within your key issues papers and wonders whether Public Health Wales will be prioritising the encouragement of breastfeeding to new mothers in future?

The Committee firmly believes that Public Health Wales plays an important part in the health and wellbeing of the nation and would be interested to hear your views on how you have arrived at the priorities listed in your prospectus.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jenny Rathbone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'J'.

Jenny Rathbone

Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.