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Buffy Williams MS  
Chair, Children, Young People and Education Committee  
Welsh Parliament



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

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Dear Buffy,

I am pleased to advise that the [Children \(Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment\) \(Wales\) Act 2020: Evidence and Data Synthesis](#), which provides our three-year post implementation review, has been laid and published today. This is in line with the statutory duty placed on Welsh Ministers under Section 3 of the Act. A Written Statement has also been issued to accompany the publication of the report.

The review has provided an opportunity to reflect on the progress made in implementing the Act. The report offers a comprehensive assessment of the implementation of the legislation in the areas agreed with your Committee during the passage of the legislation:

- the impact on public services;
- awareness of the law;
- attitudes to physical punishment; and
- stakeholder views and experiences.

It draws on a diverse range of data and research sources, including administrative data, survey data, and data captured from interviews and focus groups conducted through research projects.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the findings further or require additional information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dawn Bowden', written in a cursive style.

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