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William Powell AM

Chair Petitions Committee

03 March 2014

Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 21 February regarding Support for Children and Young People Participation Standards.

I agree that the Participation Standards provide an excellent framework to take forward children and young people's participation and I am aware of many examples of good practice linked to the standards. I also recognise that this is an important issue for children and young people.

Please be assured that this is a matter that I am taking very seriously and am discussing with my officials. As I stated in my last letter, there is no new money and therefore we have to look at how we can support the standards using existing budgets. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014, I launched the new Children and Families Delivery Grant (CFDG) and have included in the requirement for bidders to 'consider their role in relation to promoting and driving these standards'.

The closing date for applicants will be 23 May with a view to inform them of decisions on 30 June. At that point I will be able to provide further clarity on the support the Welsh Government is providing for the Participation Standards.

Yours sincerely

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

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**JC-00119-14: Letter from William Powell, Chair of the Petitions Committee- National Children and Young Peoples Participation Standards for Wales**

1. William Powell, in his role as Chair of the Petitions Committee recently wrote to you on behalf of Powys Youth Forum with regard to the Welsh Government support for the National Children and Young Peoples Participation Standards (JC/00823/13).
2. Mr Powell has written asking for an update on the work Welsh Government officials are doing regarding ways of supporting the Participation Standards.
3. The reconfigured grant to the Third Sector – Children and Family Delivery Grant – is due to be launched Monday 3 March 2014 and it invites bidders to consider their role in in relation to promoting and driving these standards. This sits under the Priority Area –

*Support for policy and strategic development in relation to children, young people and families. Systemic opportunities for children and young people to participate in decisions that affect them and have their voices heard.*