

Vaughan Gething AM
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services

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Dear Vaughan

During this morning's meeting, the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee considered its forward work programme for the next twelve months. In the context of this, Members have asked me to write to you seeking updates on the following policy areas:

Adult Gender Identity Services

In August 2017, the Welsh Government announced that a new adult gender identity service was to be established in Wales to enable transgender people to access the care they need closer home. At that time, you committed to ensuring new arrangements would be in place for a new interim care pathway by autumn 2017 and that a new multidisciplinary service, known as the Welsh Gender Team (WGT) would be in place by the end of March 2018 to support a network of GPs across Wales with a specialist interest in all areas of gender care, including hormone replacement therapy. The Committee is aware of concerns regarding lack of progress towards the opening of a specialist clinic in Wales.

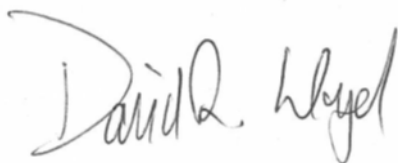
Can you please provide an update on the establishment of the Welsh Gender Team and care pathway; the timescales for the opening of the new specialist clinic and progress being made by Local Health Boards in delivering community-based services?

National Obesity Plan for Wales

Can you please provide an update on the work of the Obesity Strategy Development Board and progress on the development of the Plan, including details of when you anticipate the strategy will be published?

I look forward to receiving your response in due course.

Kind regards



Dr Dai Lloyd AM
Chair, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

