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Dear Lynne,

Members of the Children, Young People and Education Committee will be aware of the Welsh Government's current consultation on "*Healthy Weight: Healthy Wales*" (<https://beta.gov.wales/healthy-weight-healthy-wales>), which closes on 12 April. This is part of our commitment through the Public Health Wales Act to develop a strategy to reduce and prevent obesity. I was pleased during my oral statement on 29 January to receive cross-party support for this important consultation.

I welcome the Committee's intention to consider the draft strategy in relation to the specific needs of children and young people. I note that you have invited the Chief Medical Officer to give evidence on this matter on 14 March.

My officials are currently undertaking a number of regional events, community engagement activities and focus groups across Wales to encourage participation in the consultation and to hear from a range of people. This includes targeted engagement with children and young people, in relation to which interactive resources have been developed to facilitate young people's input. My plans are to then publish a summary of findings early summer with the final strategy to follow in October 2019.

I look forward to hearing from the Committee in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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