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Dear Lynne,

The emotional and mental health of children and young people in Wales – next steps for *Mind over Matter*

Thank you for your letter of 12 December in which you outlined your consideration of our previous correspondence and your intended next steps for the CYPE Committee activity in this area, during 2020. We particularly welcome the involvement of the young people of the Youth Parliament and our Youth Stakeholder group which is supporting both the Whole School Approach and the Together for Children and Young People programme.

Whilst acknowledging progress, particularly within the Whole School Approach area where we have focussed our resources to date, we welcome the continued emphasis by the committee to ensure ongoing improvements against the wide range of recommendations of the Mind Over Matter report. In response to your request for information in advance of your stakeholder event in February, we will provide the committee with a position statement against the committee's Mind over Matter recommendations reflecting activity since our last update.

We will also provide a further response in the new year, which will respond to the other specific queries in your letter, including the formal scope of the Outcomes for Children Ministerial Advisory Group, alongside further details of the workplan sitting under this group. We will provide details to offer assurance that the Joint Task and Finish Group on the Whole School Approach will encompass the whole system change as agreed. This additional information will illustrate how we intend to manage the risk of fragmentation, whilst also supporting cross sector progress with recommendations. Details of this arrangement will also be discussed at the next Joint Task and Finish Group on the Whole School Approach, scheduled for 27 January 2020.

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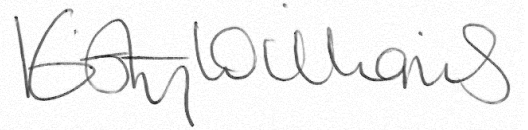
We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,



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