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National Assembly for Wales' Children and Young People Committee Inquiry into Childhood Obesity

The British Dietetic Association welcomes the opportunity to comment on the National Assembly for Wales' Children and Young People Committee Inquiry into Childhood Obesity.

We would like to endorse the response submitted by The Wales Dietetic Leadership Advisory Group(WDLAG) and Public Health Dietitians in Wales(PHDiW).

Yours sincerely

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The British Dietetic Association, founded in 1936, is the professional association for registered dietitians in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is the nation's largest organisation of food and nutrition professionals with over 7,000 members.

Registered dietitians are the only qualified health professionals that assess, diagnose and treat diet and nutrition problems at an individual and wider public health level. Uniquely, dietitians use the most up to date public health and scientific research on food, health and disease, which they translate into practical guidance to enable people to make appropriate lifestyle and food choices.

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