

**Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg  
Children, Young People and Education Committee**

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Dear David

**Welsh Government Draft Budget 2014-15**

The Children, Young People and Education Committee wrote to the Minister for Health and Social Services on 14 August to seek information on the budget allocations within his portfolio. The Minister replied on 2 October.

The Committee agreed in its meeting on 9 October that I should write to you to draw your Committee's attention to a number of issues relating to the Minister's response, in advance of your scrutiny session with the Minister. The Committee will, of course, be writing to the Minister separately to seek further information on these issues, but I would be grateful if you could, if possible, raise some of these issues with the Minister.

- **Additional £10M for Social Services:** what mechanism has the Welsh Government put in place to ensure that an appropriate proportion is spent on children;
- **Transfer of £4.6M for the Integrated Family Support Services into the RSG:** what safeguards have been put in place to ensure local authorities make a continued investment in this new programme over time;
- **£3M for Social Services Act implementation:** what mechanism has the Welsh Government put in place to ensure the appropriate proportion is spent on the legislation as it affects children and young people;

- **Funding arrangements for LHBs:** given that funding arrangements are at the discretion of the LHB and have no age related hypothecation:
  - How does the Welsh Government assess the impact of LHB spending decisions on children's health and well-being;
  - What assessment has the Welsh Government undertaken of the potential impact on children's health arising from the LHB Resource Review.

The Committee will also be writing to the Minister on a number of issues.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Ann Jones AC / AM**  
Cadeirydd / Chair