

Annwyl Sarita,

Mae'n ddrwg iawn gen i am yr oedi.

Yn dilyn ein sgwrs dydd Gwener, mae'n cyfarwyddwr, Wayne Crocker, wedi danfon yr ymateb isod i mi i ddanfon ymlaen ato chi. Fel gwelwch chi, yr ydym yn awyddus i gau'r ddeiseb oherwydd bod ein deiseb bresennol (https://www.assemblywales.org/cy/gethome/e-petitions/epetition-list-of-signatories.htm?pet_id=599) yn parhau ar yr un thema.

Rhowch ganiad i mi ar un o'r rhifau isod os hoffech drafod rhywbeth.

Yn gywir,

Rhodri

Dear Sarita,

I'm very sorry for the delay.

Following our conversation on Friday, our director, Wayne Crocker, has sent me the response below to send forward to you. As you can see, we are eager to close the petition because our current petition (https://www.assemblywales.org/cy/gethome/e-petitions/epetition-list-of-signatories.htm?pet_id=599) continues on the same theme.

Give me a ring on one of the numbers below if you want to discuss something.

Sincerely,

Rhodri

Dear William

Thank you for your letter concerning the correspondence received by the petitions committee from Leighton Andrews, Minister for Children, Education and Life long Learning.

Mencap Cymru was invited to give a presentation to the POST 16 SEN Development and Implementation Group on May 1st. I attended with Cllr Sara Pickard, a Mencap Cymru staff member who has Downs Syndrome and Lynn Preece, our head of employment and education services in Wales.

During the meeting we explained the model developed by Mencap which we believe would have a positive impact on the aspirations of young people with a learning disability to enter paid employment. One of the key elements of this model is that work needs to be done pre 16 to help develop a sense of work awareness and work aspiration among young people. Ideally Mencap Cymru would like to see programmes introduced between the 10-11 age to help embed the idea of work not only amongst the children/young people with a learning disability but also their parents and families.

We have not heard anything from the Development and Implementation group > since our meeting in May. Whilst we appreciate the opportunity to present on our ideas around supporting young people with a learning disability to find paid employment, we still hold that the wording of the original petition is crucial and that statutory bodies must take the lead of employing more disabled people.

You will be aware that we have a petition which closes on December the 4th which asks that the government develop more policies which promote the visibility and value of people with a learning disability in their communities. We believe our education/employment petition is encompassed in this current petition and would be happy for the Petitions Committee to close the previous petition accepting that there will be cross-over.

On behalf of the Mencap Cymru Committee, I thank you and the Petitions Committee for your support.

Best wishes

Wayne

Wayne Crocker
Director - Cyfarwyddwr