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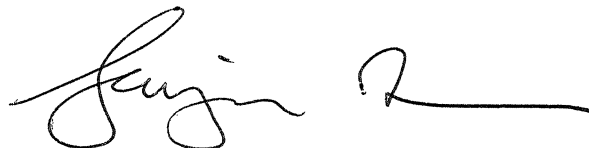
Dear Bob,

Thank you for your letter of 5 June regarding the petition (P-04-552) on establishing a regulatory body for Wales to strengthen child protection, enclosing the subsequent correspondence from the petitioner. The Minister for Health and Social Services has asked me to respond, since the correspondence concerns elected representatives, which falls within my portfolio.

The petitioner draws the Committee's attention to the online petition which calls on Carmarthshire County Council to introduce Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for all locally elected representatives.

As noted by the then Deputy Minister in her reply to you last year, the DBS operates on an England and Wales basis and the positions and duties that qualify for exceptions to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, and therefore liability for checks, are specified in non-devolved legislation. Councillors are not among those specified.

It is not within my remit to require Local Authorities to carry out DBS checks on all elected councillors.

Yours sincerely,


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