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Mark Isherwood AM

cc. Antoinette Sandbach AM

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Dear Mark,

During Plenary Business Questions on 14 January you expressed concern to the Minister for Local Government and Government Business regarding the future of Cardiff University's Doctorate in Educational Psychology professional training programme.

The Welsh Government recognises the important role that Educational Psychologists have in tackling the challenges encountered by children and young people in education. Their work helps to support the wellbeing and enhance learning opportunities for some of our more vulnerable learners.

I am aware of the terms applied to those similar courses offered in England and the implications this may have for Wales if the current Cardiff University course is discontinued. I also understand those concerns raised regarding the potential impact this may have on the availability of welsh medium Educational Psychologists in Wales. Taking these issues into account, I have instructed my officials to work with the WLGA to identify a way forward. As part of this ongoing work my officials recently met with the WLGA and Cardiff University and I understand these discussions are ongoing. Once these discussions have concluded I will ensure that interested parties are informed of the outcome.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Huw Lewis'.

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