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Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee
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The Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

24 November 2016

Dear Secretary of State,

The Equalities, Local Government & Communities Committee of the National Assembly for Wales is undertaking an inquiry into refugees and asylum seekers in Wales.

The terms of reference for the inquiry are:

- the pace and effectiveness of the Welsh Government approach to resettling refugees through the UK Government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (SVPRS);
- the effectiveness of the Refugee and Asylum Seeker Delivery Plan;
- the support and advocacy available to unaccompanied asylum seeking children in Wales; and
- the role and effectiveness of the Welsh Government's Community Cohesion Delivery Plan in ensuring the integration of refugees and asylum seekers in Welsh communities.



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I would be grateful if you could provide written and oral evidence to the Committee to assist us in our work. In particular, we would welcome your assessment of:

- the extent to which there is seamless integration between devolved and non-devolved public services provided for refugees and asylum seekers;
- how intergovernmental cooperation in Wales compares with other parts of the UK; and
- the extent of the UK Government's involvement in intergovernmental working to inform the preparation and implementation of the Welsh Government's delivery plans.

I would be grateful if your officials could liaise with the lead clerk on this inquiry, Christopher Warner (christopher.warner@assembly.wales, 0300 200 6360), to confirm your availability to meet the Committee in early January, by Friday 9 December. It would be helpful if we could receive your written response by Monday 9 January.

We may encounter further issues during the course of our inquiry about which we would welcome information from your Department and I will ensure these are brought to your attention as soon as possible.



I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Wales. I am also sending a copy of this letter to the Chairs of the House of Commons Home Affairs and Welsh Affairs Select Committees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John". The letter 'J' is large and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

John Griffiths AC / AM

Cadeirydd / Chair

Cc: The Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP, Secretary of State for Wales

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

